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PREFACE

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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

1. Engineering flight tests were previously conducted by the United States Army Aviation Systems Test Activity (USAASTA) (since redesignated the United States Army Aviation Engineering Flight Activity (USAAEFA)) to determine the performance and handling qualities characteristics of a Bell Helicopter Company (BHC) OH-58A helicopter equipped with Allison T63-A-700 (refs 1 and 2, app A) and 250-C20 (ref 3) gas turline engines manufactured by the Detroit Diesel Allison Division of General Motors Corporation. It was subsequently determined that an evaluation of the performance, handling qualities, engine/airframe interface, and engine cooling characteristics of an OH-58A helicopter with an Allison 250-C20B engine installed was necessary. In June 1974, the United States Army Aviation Systems Command (AVSCOM) directed USAAEFA to conduct that evaluation (ref 4).

TEST OBJECTIVES

- 2. The objectives of this evaluation were to determine the aircraft performance and handling qualities, and engine vibration and temperature characteristics of an OH-58A helicopter with an Allison 250-C20B engine installed. Specific objectives were as follows:
- a. Evaluate compatibility of the engine/airframe, to include engine vibration characteristics.
- b. Determine the engine nacelle and lubrication system cooling characteristics.
- c. Determine the performance characteristics and handling qualities at low and high-altitude test sites.

DESCRIPTION

3. The Allison 250-C20B engine is a growth version of the 250-C20 engine incorporating a redesigned combustor and turbine. For this evaluation, the test engine was equipped with a Bendix fuel control system and was restricted to the helicopter's transmission takeoff power limit of 317 shaft horsepower (shp) from its uninstalled static sea-level takeoff power rating of 420 shp. A detailed description of the Allison 250-C20B engine is contained in the installation design manual (ref 5, app A). A general description of the engine is contained in appendix B.

test aircraft, a JOH-58A light observation helicopter, serial number 68-16706, was manufactured by BHC, Fort Worth, Texas. The single main rotor is a two-bladed, semirigid, teetering type and the tail rotor is also of the two-bladed, semirigid, teetering type with delta-hinge coupling. The cockpit provides side by side seating for a crew of two (pilot and copilot/observer) and the cargo compartment has seats for two passengers. The cyclic and collective controls are hydraulically boosted and irreversible, while the directional controls on the standard configuration are unboosted and reversible. The modifications incorporated in the test helicopter which resulted in the "J" designation were installation of a BHC electronic 3-axis stability and control augmentation system (SCAS) which incorporates a hydraulically boosted and irreversible directional control and a Sperry helicopter command information system (HCIS). A detailed description of both systems is contained in USAASTA Final Report No. 72-20 (ref 6, app A). The landing gear consists of fixed skids. The helicopter is normally powered by an Allison T63-A-700 (Allison 250-C18) free gas turbine engine with an uninstalled takeoff power rating of 317 shp at static sea-level, standard-day conditions. The main transmission has a rating of 270 shp for continuous operation, with a takeoff power limit of 317 shp (5-minute rating). A detailed description of the standard OH-58A helicopter is contained in the operator's manual (ref 7).

TEST SCOPE

5. The performance, handling qualities, and engine/airframe interface evaluations of the Allison 250-C20B engine installed in a JOH-58A helicopter were conducted by USAAEFA personnel. Testing was performed at Edwards Air Force Base (elevation 2302 feet), Bishop (elevation 4120 feet) and Coyote Flats (elevation 9980 feet), California, from 17 October through 6 December 1974. Twenty-two test flights for a total of 17.6 productive hours were flown. Flight limitations contained in the operator's manual and the safety-of-flight release (ref 8, app A) were observed during the testing. Test conditions are shown in table 1. The test aircraft was evaluated against the requirements of military specifications MIL-H-8501A (ref 9) and MIL-T-25920 (USAF) (ref 10).

TEST METHODOLOGY

6. Established flight test techniques were used for the handling qualities and performance testing (refs 11 and 12, app A). Test methods are described briefly in the Results and Discussion section of this report. All tests were conducted under nonturbulent atmospheric conditions to preclude uncontrolled disturbances from influencing the test data. A detailed description of test instrumentation is contained in appendix C and a description of data reduction procedures in appendix D. Pilot comments were used to aid in the analysis of data and to determine the overall qualitative assessment of the flying qualities of the JOH-58A helicopter with an Allison 250-C20B engine installed. The Handling Qualities Rating Scale (HQRS) used to augment pilot qualitative comments is included as figure 1 in appendix D.

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Hover performance	10, 100 to 10, 500	2865 to 3145	107.2 to 107.4	354	Zero	IGE (10-foot skid height)
	10, 100 to 10, 380	2860 to 2985	107.1 to 107.2	354	Zero	OGE* (50-foot skid height)
Vertical climb	1760 to 2360	2780 to 3180	106.8 to 197.4	348 to 351	Zero	Hover to 1200 ft/min
performance	4120 to 4860	2890 to 3240	107.1 to 108.0	348 to 351	Zero	Hover to 775 ft/min
Lateral acceleration	680	3180	8 701	354	Right, 36 KTAS to left, 40 KTAS	Sideward
Low-speed flight	0,380	3060	107.2	355	Left, 36 KIAS to right, 32 Kias	Sidevard
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Engine acceleration	2260 to 7460	2990 to 3115	107.1 to 107.7	347 to 382	16 oz 18	Level flight, climbs, descents, autorotation
Engine temperature survey	2250 to 7040	2870 to 3140	107.1 to 107.8	354	Zero 1:0 90	Level flight, climbs, descents, autorniation
Engine vibration survey	2200 to 7040	2890 to 3140	107.1 to 107.8	354	Zero to 105	Level flight, climbs, autorotations, descents, turns
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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

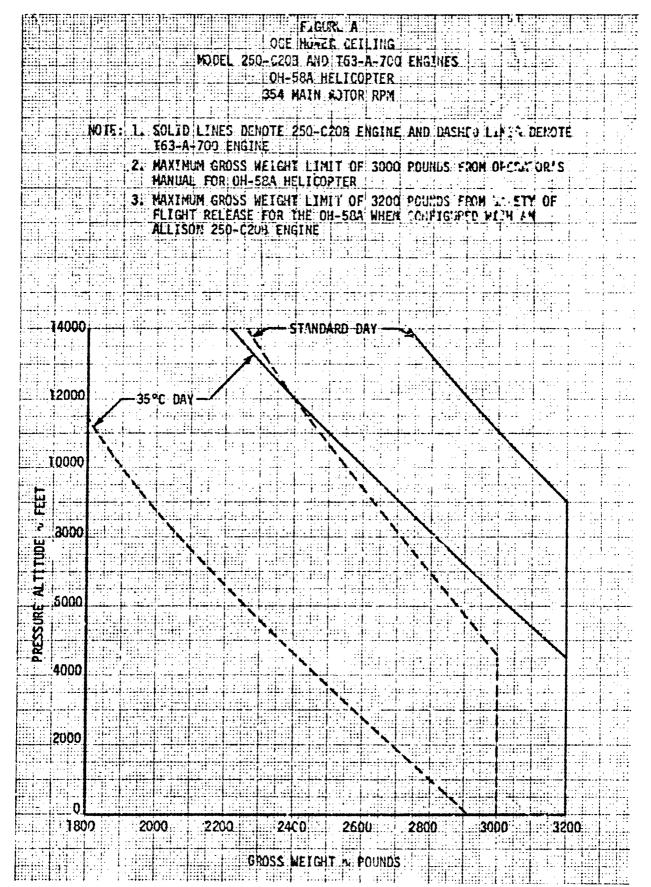
GENERAL

A limited performance and handling qualities evaluation of the OH-58A helicopter with an Allison 256 C20B engine installed was conducted by USAAEFA. Performance, handling qualities, engine/airframe characteristics, and miscellaneous engineering tests were evaluated under a limited variety of operating conditions, with emphasis on operations near the military maximum gross weight of 3200 pounds. Primary performance improvement over the standard T63-A-700 engine was an increase in OGE hover ceiling from 4600 to 11,050 feet standard-day density altitude at a gross weight of 3000 pounds. Handling qualities were evaluated during low-speed and lateral accelerating flight. The OH-58A helicopter with the T63-A-700 engine is normally power limited, which prevents the accomplishment of certain maneuvers at heavy gross weights with hot-day conditions. The installation of the Allison 250-C20B engine increased the helicopter's capability. but full utilization of its maximum gross weight capability is still not possible, due to the inadequate handling qualities. One deficiency and five shortcomings were found. The deficiency was the considerable pilot compensation required to maintain aircraft control with SCAS OFF in left lateral accelerating flight. A SCAS is not installed in the standard OH-58A helicopter. Handling qualities shortcomings consisted of (1) insufficient left directional control in right sideward flight. (2) insufficient aft cyclic control in rearward flight, (3) extensive pilot compensation required in left sideward flight, (4) moderate pilot compensation required to maintain right lateral accelerating flight, and (5) the unsatisfactory governing characteristics of the OH-58A helicopter equipped with an Allison 250-C20B engine. These unsatisfactory handling qualities characteristics are inherent to the basic OH-58A helicopter and are not associated with the installation of the 250-C20B engine. The engine/airframe compatibility characteristics (ccoling and vibration levels) of the OH-58A helicopter with the 250-C20B engine are similar to the standard OH-58A helicopter with the T63-A-700 engine.

PERFORMANCE

General

8. Performance testing of the OH-58A helicopter with an Allison 250-C20B engine was conducted at a hover, in vertical climbs, and in lateral accelerating flight. Hover test results were compared to results obtained with the previously tested T63-A-700 and 250-C20 engines. The OGE hover ceiling was increased from 4600 feet with the T63-A-700 engine to 11,050 feet density altitude at a gross weight of 3000 pounds with the 250-C20B engine. Within the scope of the test, the hover performance characteristics of the OH-58A helicopter with an Allison 250-C20B engine are greatly enhanced over the basic OH-58A helicopter.



Hover Performance

9. Hover performance tests were conducted at skid heights of 4 and 10 feet IGE and 50 feet OGE under the conditions shown in table 1. The free-flight haver metiod was used to determine hover performance. Skid height was measured by visual reference to a measured weighted cord attached to the left skid. Incremental amounts of ballast were added to the helicopter until the gross weight was such that either the engine temperature or transmission power limit was reached. Test results are presented, together with T63-A-700 and 250-C20 hover data, in figures 1 through 3, appendix E. A comparison of the standard-day and 35°C hot-day OGE hover performance with the 250-C20B and T63-A-700 engines is presented in figure A. The OGE hover ceiling was increased from 4600 feet for the T63-A-700 engine and 10,000 feet for the 250-C20 engine to 11,050 feet for the 250-C20B engine. The increased hover performance of the OH-58A helicopter with the 250-C20B engine enhances its operational capability. Within the scope of the test, the hover performance of the OH-58A helicopter with the 250-C20B engine is improved over the basic OH-58A helicopter.

Vertical Climb Performance

10. Vertical climbs (zero horizontal airspeed) of approximately 20 seconds duration were made from an OGE hover at various constant collective control settings at the conditions shown in table 1. A radar altimeter was used to measure the rates of climb and an Elliott low-airspeed system was used to aid the pilot in maintaining zero horizontal airspeed while in a vertical climb. The vertical rate of climb for a given power increment was defined as that portion of the climb after the aircraft has achieved a steady unaccelerated rate-of-climb condition. Vertical climb testing had not been previously performed on the OH-58A helicopter, which precluded any comparison. A detailed description of the test techniques and data analysis methods used is contained in appendix D. To ensure hover data validity, the test hover power required was compared with the OGE hover performance data for the OH-58A helicopter and the results are presented in figure 3, appendix E. Test results are presented in figures 4 through 9. At 3200 pounds gross weight and standard-day, sea-level conditions, the maximum vertical rate of climb was calculated to be 660 feet per minute. The rates of climb that were achieved ranged from approximately 50 to 1200 feet per minute.

Lateral Acceleration Performance

11. The lateral acceleration performance of the OH-58A helicopter was evaluated by conducting lateral accelerations OGE (skid height approximately 50 feet) at the conditions shown in table 1. The lateral acceleration was accomplished by incrementally rolling the aircraft to a predetermined roll attitude (5-degree increments) with a rapid lateral control motion while maintaining constant skid height with power and maintaining a constant heading. A ground pace vehicle was used to determine limit sideward airspeed, Surface winds were less than 3 knots. Lateral flight performance data are presented in figure 10, appendix E.

12. The maximum roll attitude tested in right sideward flight was 18.4 degrees. at which point the never-exceed transmission torque pressure limit of 106 psi was inadvertently exceeded, which terminated further testing. The operational transmission torque pressure limit (92 psi) was reached repeatedly at roll attitudes greater than 10 degrees. In left sideward flight a maximum roll attitude of 16.7 degrees was achieved before termination of this test. Maximum acceleration achieved in left and right sideward flight was 11.2 and 13.9 feet per second per second (ft/sec²), with a time to maximum acceleration of 7.5 and 5.3 seconds, respectively. Representative time histories for left and right accelerating flight are shown in figures 11 and 12, appendix E. There was no cue to alert the pilot of reaching limit sideward velocity (35 KTAS) other than the pilot's judgment of ground speed. Because of the lack of ground speed cues and the high probability of exceeding the transmission torque limits in right faceral accelerating flight, this maneuver should be limited to roll attitudes of less than 9 degrees during further testing of the lateral flight maneuver. Maximum lateral acceleration capability of the aircraft could not be used because the transmission torque limit would have been exceeded.

HANDLING QUALITIES

General

13. A limited handling qualities evaluation of the OH-58A helicopter with an Allison 250-C20B engine was conducted under day visual flight conditions. Lateral acceleration and low-speed flight characteristics were evaluated under the conditions shown in table 1 and the results were compared to those obtained during the T63-A-700 and 250-C20 engine evaluation (refs 2 and 3, app A). One deficiency and five handling qualities shortcomings were noted. The deficiency determined was the pilot compensation required to maintain aircraft control in left lateral accelerating flight with SCAS OFF. The handling qualities of the OH-58A helicopter equipped with an Allison 250-C20B engine are similar to a standard OH-58A helicopter, except that the standard OH-58A helicopter does not have a SCAS.

Low-Speed Flight Characteristics

- 14. Low-speed flight tests were conducted to determine the hovering capability (IGE) of the OH-58A helicopter in winds of various speeds and azimuths. Wind azimuths of zero, 90, 180, and 270 degrees relative to the nose of the helicopter were used. Test results are presented in figures 13 and 14, appendix E.
- 15. Previous right sideward flight tests at a thrust coefficient (CT) of 0.00343 resulted in a left pedal margin of 5 percent at 35 KTAS (ref 3, app A). Results of the test with the 250-C20 engine (ref 3) showed that at 35 KTAS, the directional control margin rapidly diminished with increased CT's. With the 250-C20B engine at a CT of 0.00416, the maximum airspeed in right sideward flight was 32 KTAS with no directional control margin. Directional control in right sideward flight failed to meet the requirements of paragraph 3.3.2 of MIL-H-8501A,

in that the 10-percent directional control power was not present at 35 KTAS. Within the scope of this test, the sideward flight characteristics are aggravated by the installation of the 250-C20B engine because of the increased gross weight and altitude capability. Minimum required lateral low-speed flight capability could not be achieved because of tail rotor performance and aircraft instability. Insufficient left directional control in right sideward flight is a shortcoming. Consideration should be given to upgrading tail rotor performance and installing a SCAS.

- 16. In left sideward flight with SCAS OFF, as previously reported (ref 2, app A), at airspeeds from 15 to 25 KTAS, the helicopter was directionally unstable, with yaw excursions of approximately 10 degrees which required extensive pilot compensation to maintain adequate directional control (HQRS 6). The extensive pilot compensation required during left sideward flight at 15 to 25 KTAS is a shortcoming.
- 17. In rearward flight at the conditions tested, the aircraft was limited to 32 KTAS because the longitudinal control limit was reached (fig. 14, app E). The requirements of paragraph 3.2.1 of MIL-H-8501A were not met, in that 10 percent of the control power was not available in 30-KTAS rearward flight. Insufficient aft longitudinal control in rearward flight is a shortcoming.

Lateral Acceleration Handling Qualities

- 18. The lateral acceleration handling qualities, with SCAS ON and OFF, were evaluated during the lateral acceleration performance testing at the conditions presented in table 1, using the methods outlined in paragraph 11. Lateral acceleration testing had not been previously conducted on the OH-58A helicopter. Representative time histories are shown in figures 11 and 12, appendix E. With SCAS ON, minimal pilot compensation was required in left lateral acceleration to maintain heading, roll attitude, and pitch attitude up to approximately 18 KTAS (HQRS 3). Extensive pilot compensation was required to maintain flight path, heading, and roll attitude between 18 and 21 KTAS (HQRS 6). After accelerating through 21 KTAS, flight path, heading, and roll attitude were easily controlled as the aircraft accelerated to the 35-knot limit sideward airspeed (HQRS 3). Lateral acceleration to the right required minimal pilot compensation to smoothly accelerate to limit airspeed at roll attitudes up to 10 degrees (HQRS 3). At angles greater than 10 degrees, moderate pilot compensation was required to maintain a constant heading (HQRS 4). The pilot's difficulty in maintaining heading occurred at approximately 2 to 5 seconds after initiation of rollover to roll attitudes greater than 10 degrees. Because of the moderate compensation required to maintain heading at higher roll attitudes, the pilot's attention was diverted to controlling the aircraft and the transmission torque limits were inadvertently exceeded (para 12) before pilot corrective action could be taken.
- 19. Representative lateral accelerations to the right and left were qualitatively evaluated with SCAS OFF. Roll attitudes of 10 degrees were used for this evaluation. Lateral accelerations to the left required considerable pilot compensation to maintain a steady roll attitude and heading at airspeeds up to approximately

- 18 KTAS (HQRS 5). From 18 to 21 KTAS, considerable pilot compensation was required to retain control of the helicopter because of the severe roll and yaw excursions at these airspeeds (HQRS 8). These roll and yaw excursions precluded testing beyond 18 to 21 KTAS. Lateral accelerations to the right required moderate pilot compensation throughout the acceleration to maintain a constant heading and roll attitude (HQRS 4). The moderate pilot compensation required to maintain right lateral accelerating flight is a shortcoming, and the considerable pilot compensation required to maintain aircraft control during left lateral accelerating flight is a deficiency.
- 20. The addition of a SCAS improves the handling qualities of the OH-58A helicopter by reducing the severe yaw and roll excursions in left lateral acceleration sufficiently to allow accelerations through the 18- to 21-knot regime. Without inclusion of a SCAS the capability to perform lateral accelerations is considerably reduced. Extreme caution should be used if further testing is conducted at roll attitudes greater than 10 degrees. The following CAUTION should be incorporated in the operator's manual:

CAUTION

Lateral accelerating flight to the left at roll attitudes greater than 10 degrees will result in severe roll and yaw excursions which make control of the aircraft difficult. Additionally, right lateral accelerating flight at roll attitudes greater than 10 degrees may easily result in transmission overtorque.

SUBSYSTEM TESTS

Engine Characteristics

21. Engine characteristics of the Allison 250-C20B engine, including power available and fuel flow, were determined from Allison Computer Source Deck 847. Power required was calculated using the torquemeter calibration performed by Allison. Referred engine characteristics are presented in figures 15 through 20, appendix E. Engine shp available and specification fuel flow are shown in figures 21 through 24. Inlet and exhaust losses were determined from data previously obtained with the T63-A-700 engine (nf 1, app A).

Engine Vibration

22. Vibration data were gathered concurrently with performance and handling qualities tests. Vibration sensors were installed at the following engine locations: compressor section, gearbox, turbine and combustion section, top engine mount pad, and fuel nozzle, as called out in Allison Installation Design Manual No. 10W5 (ref 5, app A). Tail rotor gearbox vibration levels were also monitored throughout the evaluation.

23. The vibration data were compared to the installed engine vibration limits specified on the installation drawing. The vibration characteristics at all the specified locations will not be discussed in detail but, in general, show the presence of low-and moderate-amplitude low-frequency vibration levels (10 to 2000 Hz) at all of the accelerometer locations. Results are shown in tabular form in figures 25 through 27, appendix E. Maximum acceleration values below 10 percent of the maximum limit value specified by Allison were not presented. All the vibration levels were within Allison's specified limits. The maximum average acceleration measured for the tail rotor gearbox was 1.8g at 1720 Hz in an IGE hover.

Engine Compartment Temperature Survey

24. A limited engine compartment temperature survey was performed during the evaluation. Temperatures were recorded at locations specified in Allicon Installation Design Manual No. 10W5. The temperature probes were located at the following locations: compressor section, top engine mount pad surface, ignition harness, thermocouple harness, and oil cooler. Temperature data for all conditions tested are presented in figure 28, appendix E. When the component/fluid temperature data are corrected to the Army's design requirement maximum ambient temperature of 125°F (52°C), an overtemperature condition is indicated for the oil cooler outlet temperature, as is shown in figure 28. The temperature data were corrected by the following equation:

$$T = T_{\text{measured}} \frac{52 + 273}{T_{\text{ambient}} + 273}$$

(all temperatures are in degrees Centigrade)

The effect of altitude-temperature variation was not determined. Within the scope of this evaluation, the engine compartment cooling was satisfactory, but correcting the engine oil cooler temperature to 125°F ambient temperature indicates the oil cooler temperature would not be adequate.

Engine Governing Characteristics

- 25. Static and dynamic droop characteristics of the Allison 250-C20B engine governor were evaluated under the conditions listed in table 1. Test results are presented in figures 29 through 48, appendix E. Dynamic stability characteristics of the 250-C20E engine were qualitatively and quantitatively investigated. No compressor stalls were experienced even with large rapid power demands. There were no undamped engine oscillating tendencies (figs. 29 through 32). There were no undamped engine oscillating tendencies (figs. 27 through 30), although the torque pressure was lightly damped, with a damping ratio of 0.06 at a damped frequency of 2.86 cycles per second. Dynamic stability characteristics were satisfactory throughout the flight envelope tested.
- 26. The tests specified for the applicable sections of MIL-T-25920B (USAF) were performed to demonstrate suitability of the ground and flight operational and

performance characteristics of the propulsion system of the aircraft installation (figs. 33 through 47, app E). Constant manipulation of the power turbine speed-select "beep" switch was required to maintain a desired rotor speed during power changes. This characteristic is the result of poor static droop characteristics and is shown in figure 48. From a normal stabilized flight condition of 45 psi engine torque and a rotor speed of 354 rpm, application of collective control caused rotor speed variation h m 348 rpm during power increases to 362 rpm during power decreases. Returning to the trim power setting resulted in a permanent rotor speed droop of 6 rpm, which is within 1 rpm of the minimum power-on rotor speed. The static rpm droop characteristics of the 250-C20B engine/airframe combination (the change in rotor speed versus engine power output) were objectionable for all flight conditions tested (fig. 48). The engine governing characteristics are a shortcoming.

CONCLUSIONS

GENERAL

- 27. The following conclusions were reached upon completion of the Allison 250-C20B engine evaluation:
- a. Within the scope of this test, the performance of the OH-58A helicopter with an Allison 250-C20B engine was improved over the basic OH-58A helicopter, while the handling qualities were essentially unchanged.
- b. The OGE hover ceiling at 3000 pounds gross weight was increased to 11,050 feet.
- c. The engine oil cooler temperature when corrected to 125°F ambient temperature indicates the oil cooler performance would not be adequate.
 - d. One deficiency and five shortcomings were noted.

DEFICIENCY AND SHORTCOMINGS

- 28. The following deficiency was identified: Considerable pilot compensation required to maintain aircraft control in left lateral accelerating flight (para 18).
- 29. The following shortcomings were identified:
 - a. Insufficient left pedal in right sideward flight at 32 KTAS (para 15).
- b. Extensive pilot compensation required to maintain left sideward flight (para 16).
 - c. Insufficient aft cyclic control in rearward flight at 30 KTAS (para 17).
- d. Moderate pilot compensation required to maintain right accelerating flight (para 19).
- e. Objectionable engine governing characteristics of the OH-58A helicopter with an Allison 250-C20B engine (para 26).

SPECIFICATION COMPLIANCE

30. Within the scope of this test, the OH-58% helicopter with an Allison 250-C20B engine installed failed to meet the requirements of paragraphs 3.2.1 and 3.3.2 of MIL-H-8501A, in that sufficient aft cyclic control was not available during 30-KTAS rearward flight and sufficient left directional control was not available during 35-KTAS right sideward flight (paras 17 and 15).

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 31. The deficiency identified during this evaluation should be corrected before the OH-58A helicopter is released to perform the lateral acceleration maneuver at roll attitudes greater than 10 degrees (para 18).
- 32. The shortcomings should be corrected.
- 33. The following CAUTION should be incorporated in the applicable sections of the operator's manual:

CAUTION

Lateral accelerating flight to the left at roll attitudes greater than 10 degrees will result in severe roll and yaw excursions which make consol of the aircraft difficult. Additionally, right lateral accelerating flight at roll attitudes greater than 10 degrees may easily result in transmission overtorque.

- 34. An improved tail rotor should be installed to increase the operational capability of the OH-58A helicopter when equipped with a 250-C20B engine.
- 35. A SCAS should be provided with both lateral and directional axes to improve the low-speed and lateral flight capability of the aircraft (paras 15 and 20).

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APPENDIX B. GENERAL ENGINE INFORMATION

GENERAL

1. The Allison Model 250-C20B engine is an internal combustion turboshaft engine of the free turbine type. The gas producer is composed of a combination six-stage axial single-stage centrifugal flow compressor directly coupled to a two-stage turbine. The power turbine is a two-stage free turbine that is gas coupled to the gas producer turbine. The integral reduction gearbox provides an internal spline output drive at the front of the gearbox. The engine has a single combustion chamber. The output shaft center line is located below the center line of the engine rotor and the exhaust is directed upward. The performance rating for the uninstalled standard-day static sea-level conditions is shown in table 1.

COMPRESSOR

2. The compressor assembly consists of a compressor front support, case assembly, rotor wheels with blades, centrifugal impeller, front diffuser assembly, rear diffuser assembly, diffuser vane assembly, and diffuser scroll. Air enters the engine through the compressor inlet and is compressed by six axial compressor stages and one centrifugal stage. The compressed air is discharged throug', the scroll-type diffuser into two external ducts which convey the air to the combustion section, as shown in figure 1.

COMBUSTION SECTION

3. The combustion section consists of the outer combustion case and the combustion liner. A spark igniter and a fuel nozzle are mounted in the aft end of the outer combustion case. Air enters the single combustion liner at the aft end through holes in the liner's dome and skin. The air is mixed with fuel sprayed from the fuel nozzle and combustion takes place. Combustion gases move forward out of the combustion liner to the first-stage gas producer turbine nozzle.

TURBINE

4. The turbine consists of a gas producer turbine support, a power turbine support, a turbine and exhaust collector support, a gas producer turbine rotor, and a power turbine rotor. The turbine is mounted between the combustion section and the power and accessory gearbox. The two-stage gas producer turbine drives the compressor and accessory gear train. The two-stage power turbine furnishes the output power of the engine. The expanded gas discharges in an upward direction through the twin ducts of the turbine and exhaust collector support.

Table 1. Engine Ratings at Standard Sea-Level Static Conditions.

Rating	Shaft Horsepower (shr)	Jet Thrust (1b)	Gas Producer Speed (rpm)	Output Shaft Speed (rpm)	Specific Fuel Consumption (1b/shp-ar)	Engine Output Torque (ft-1b)	Turbine Outlet Temperature (°C)
Takeoff (5 min)	420	42	53,000	6016	0.650	384	810
30-minute power	420	42	53,00r	6016	0.650	384	810
Maximum continuous ^l	400	07	52,220	6016	0.648	349	779
Maximum cruise ²	370	38	51,300	6016	0.650	323	738
Cruise A³	333	36	50,160	6016	0.665	323	697
Cruise B³	278	32	48,800	9109	0.709	323	979
Flight-idle	35 тах	10	33,000	4500 to 6300	70 1b/hr	-	427 ±38
Autorotation	Zero	10	33,000	5900 to 6480	70 1b/hr	\$ 1 1	413 ±38

'Maximum continuous rating is authorized by the engine manufacturer only for aircraft certification and for emergency use.

Maximum cruise is the highest power authorized by the engine manufacturer for normal continuous operation.

cruise A and Cruise B are the power lever positions that provide 90% and 75%, respectively, of the rated maximum cruise power at standard sea-level static conditions.

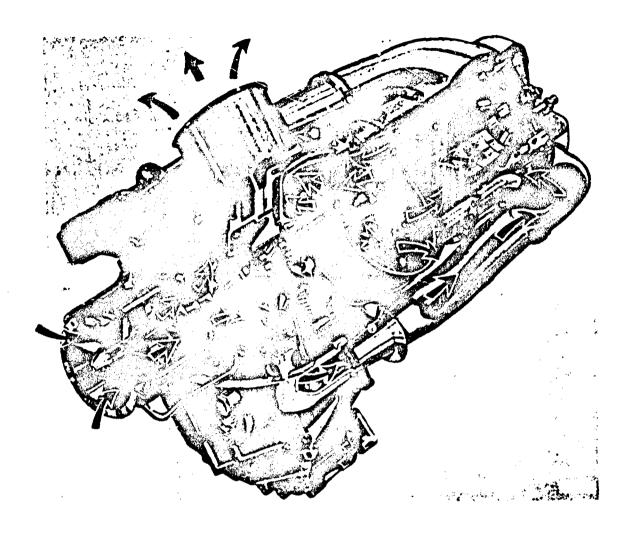


Figure 1. Allison 250-C20B Engine Cutaway.

POWER AND ACCESSORY GEARBOX

5. The main power and accessories drive gear trains are enclosed in a single gear case. The par case serves as the structure support of the engine. All engine components, including the engine-mounted accessories, are attached to the case. A two-stage helical and spur gear set is used to reduce rotational speed from 33,290 rpm at the power turbine to 6016 rpm at the output drive spline. Accessories driven by the power turbine gear train are the power turbine governor and an airframe furnished power turbine tachometer-generator. The gas producer gear train drives the compressor, fuel pump, gas producer fuel control, and an airframe furnished gas producer tachometer-generator. The starter drive and a spare drive are in this gear train.

FUEL SYSTEM

6. The principal components of the fuel system are a fuel pump, a gas producer fuel control, a power turbine governor, and a fuel nozzle. The fuel control and governor are located in the system between the fuel pump and the fuel nozzle. The engine can be equipped with either a Bendix or Chandler Evans (CECO) fuel system. The test aircraft was equipped with a Bendix fuel system.

APPENDIX C. INSTRUMENTATION

PILOT/ENGINEER PANEL

Airspeed (boom) Altitude (boom) Angle of sideslip Rotor speed Center-of-gravity normal acceleration Free air temperature Total fuel used Longitudinal control position Lateral control position Directional control position Collective control position Turbine outlet temperature Engine compartment temperatures Engine torque Gas producer speed Engineer event marker Record counter

MAGNETIC TAPE RECORDER

Longitudinal control position Lateral control position Directional control position Collective control position Pitch attitude Roll attitude Yaw attitude Pitch rate Roll rate Yaw rate Altitude (boom) Airspeed (boom) Altitude (radar) Vertical speed (radar) Free air temperature Angle of sideslip Center-of-gravity normal acceleration Rotor speed
Throttle position
Engine torque
Gas producer speed
Engine vibration
Engine compartment temperatures
Fuel flow rate
Engine fuel 1.02zle pressure
Engineer event marker

APPENDIX D. TEST TECHNIQUES AND DATA ANALYSIS METHODS

- 1. This appendix contains some of the data reduction and analysis methods and to evaluate the OH-58A helicopter equipped with an Allison 250-C20B engine. The topics discussed include hover, vertical climb, and lateral flight performance.
- 2. The helicopter performance test data were generalized through the use of nondimensional coefficients. The purpose is to accurately obtain performance at conditions not specifically tested. The following nondimensional coefficients were used to generalize the hover and vertical climb test results obtained during this flight test program.
 - a. Coefficent of power (Cp):

$$C_{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{\text{SHP } \times 550}{\rho A (\Omega R)^3} \tag{1}$$

b. Coefficient of weight (Cw):

$$C_{W} = \frac{W}{\rho A (\Omega R)^{2}}$$
 (2)

During stabilized hover, coefficient of thrust equals coefficient of weight.

c. Vertical advance ratio:

$$\mu = \frac{v_{V}}{\Omega R} \tag{3}$$

Where:

SHP = Engine output shaft horsepower

550 = Conversion factor (ft-lb/sec/shp)

 ρ = Air density (1b-sec²/ft⁴)

A = Main rotor disc area (ft²)

 Ω = Main rotor angular velocity (rad/sec)

R = Main rotor radius

V = Gross weight (1b)

Vv = Vertical velocity (ft/sec)

3. Engine output shp was determined from the engine torque pressure. Torque pressure as a function of the power output of the engine was obtained from the engine manufacturer's test cell calibration. The shp required was determined by the following equation:

SHP =
$$\frac{2\pi \times \text{Kt} \times \text{GR} \times \text{N}_{R} \times \text{Q}}{33,000}$$

Where:

SHP = Shaft horsepower

Kt = Conversion factor to change measured engine torque pressure (psi) to ft-lb (from contracter's engine acceptance data)

GR = Gear ratio of the output shaft rotational speed to the main rotor rotational speed

N_R = Main rotor speed (rpm)

Q = Engine torque pressure (psi)

33,000 = Conversion factor (ft-lb/min per shp)

HOVER

4. Hover performance was determined IGE and OGE by the free-flight hover technique. Formulas 1 and 2 were used to define the hover capability. A plot of CP versus CT was constructed for each skid height tested. Hover performance characteristics may be extracted from these curves in preparing tables or curves for flight manuals for any combination of conditions.

VERTICAL CLIMB

- 5. The vertical climb technique used by the pilot was to stabilize in a 50-foot OGE hover and then to increase engine power by a predetermined increment of gas producer speed (N₁) over the hover N₁ speed to the transmission torque limit. Two cues were used by the pilot to maintain vertical climbing flight. An Elliott low-airspeed sensor sensitive to 1 knot in horizontal arspeed was used to provide cues of lateral translation during the climb. To provide cues to any forward or aft movement, the pilot used a narrow taxiway as a visual reference.
- 6. Vertical climb performance was determined by using equations 1, 2, and 3. Each vertical climb was flown at a predetermined W/δ and $N/\sqrt{\theta}$. To maintain

W/ δ approximately constant, the aircraft was periodically reballasted as fuel was consumed. N/ $\sqrt{\theta}$ was held constant by increasing or decreasing rotor speed as the ambient air temperature increased or decreased, respectively.

7. The climb rates were measured after the aircraft was stabilized in a nonaccelerating vertical climb by means of a radar altimeter. The initial rate of climb (dh/dt) was corrected to tapeline rate of climb (R/CT) by the equation:

$$R/C_T = \frac{dh}{dt} \frac{Ta_t}{Ta_g}$$

Where:

 $Ta_t = Test$ ambient air temperature (°K)

Tas = Standard ambient air temperature (°K)

- 8. The standard rate of climb was determined by correcting the tapeline rate of climb for gross weight differences and by the power-energy equation for nonsteady flight conditions. The adjusted momentum theory discussed in reference 13, appendix A, was used to facilitate curve fairing. A power adjustment factor (KS) of 3.5 and equivalent flat plate area of 50 square feet were found to adequately fit all data sets.
- 9. After the raw data were reduced to calibrated engineering units, it was presented in referred terms of SHP/ $\delta\sqrt{\theta}$, $Vv/\sqrt{\theta}$, W/δ , and $NR/\sqrt{\theta}$. For convenience the test data were also presented in dimensionless parameters, CP, CW, and μ_V . Vertical climb performance characteristics may be extracted from these curves in preparing tables or curves for flight manuals or further engineering evaluation for any combination of conditions.

LATERAL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

- 10. Lateral flight performance characteristics data were reduced from parameters recorded on board the aircraft. The test helicopter was equipped with aircraft (body) axis accelerometers and by measuring Euler angles, it was possible to transform the aircraft axis accelerations into earth (ground) axis accelerations. This made it possible to measure the lateral aircraft acceleration without the use of space positioning equipment. A detailed explanation of this technique can be found in reference 14, appendix A.
- 11. The HQRS presented as figure 1 was used to augment pilot comments relative to handling qualities.

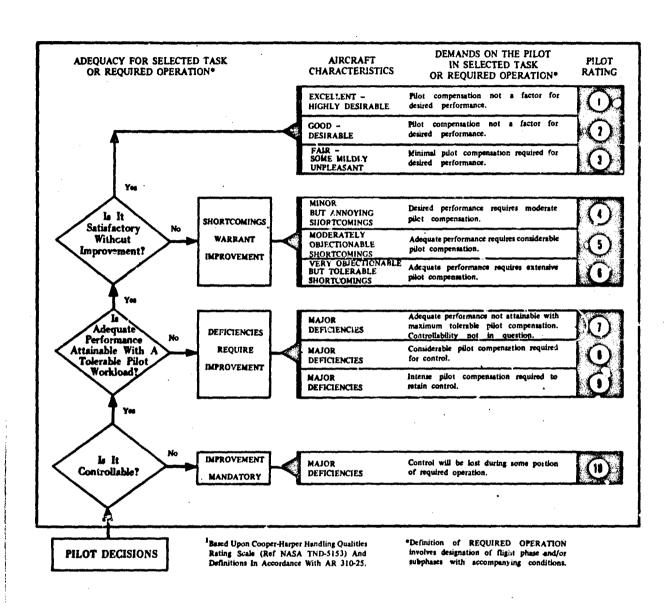
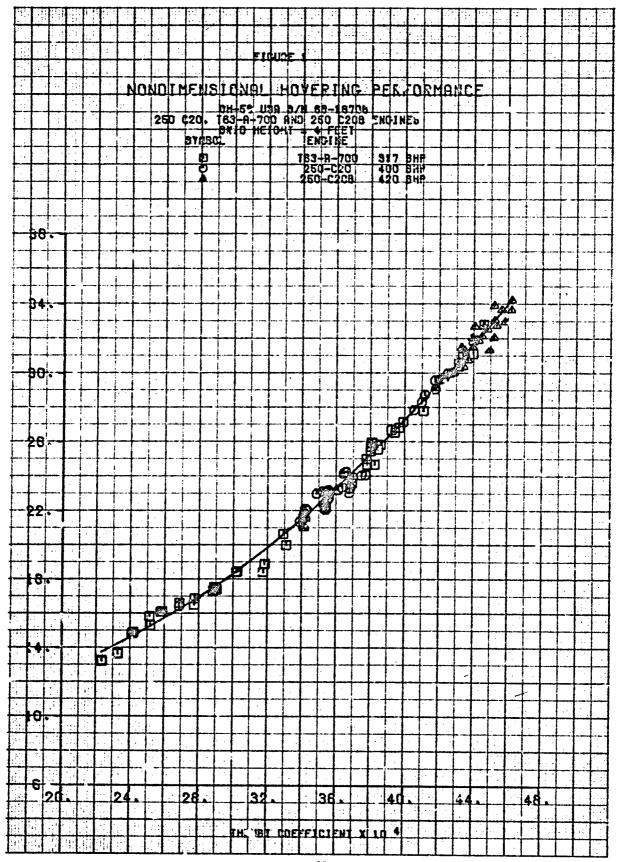


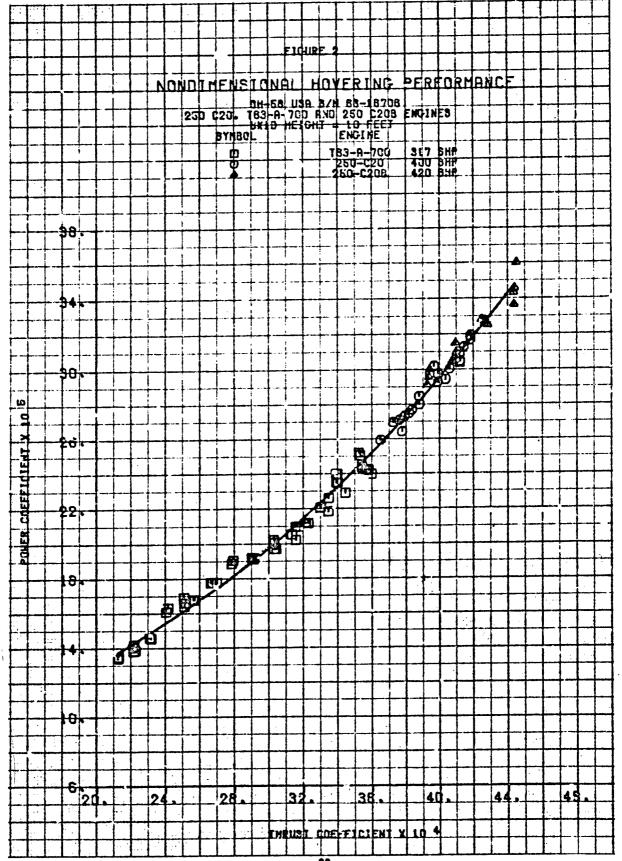
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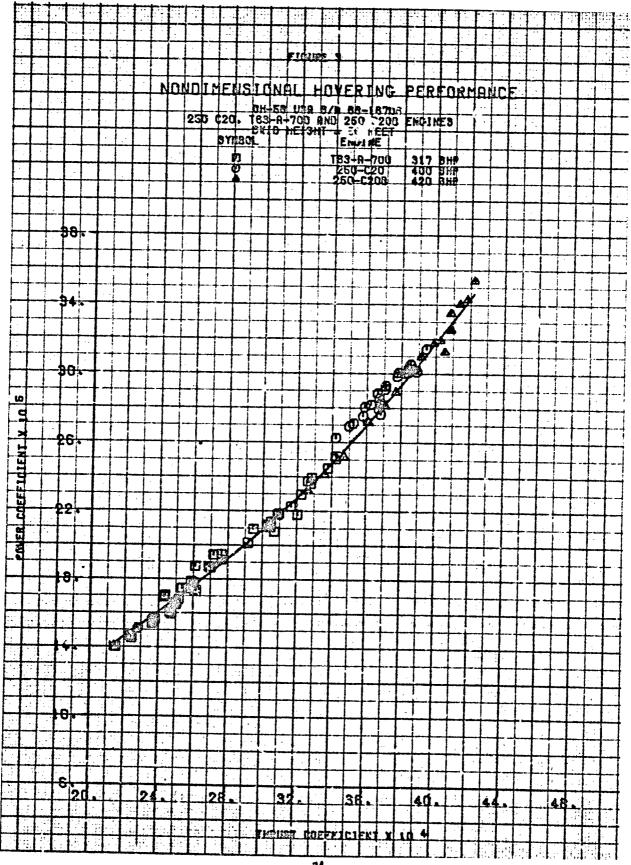
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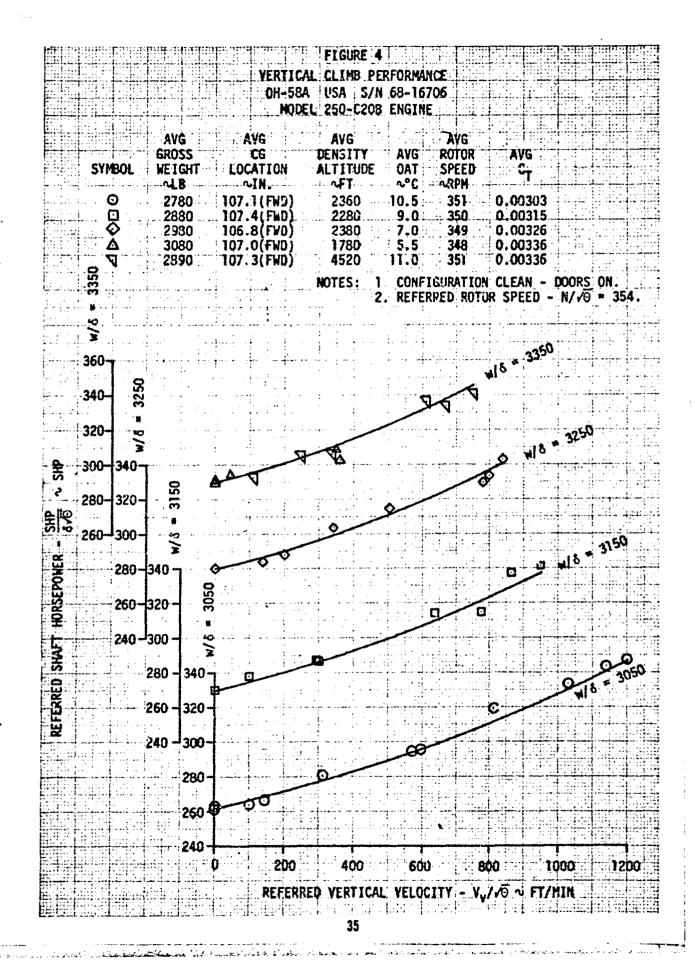
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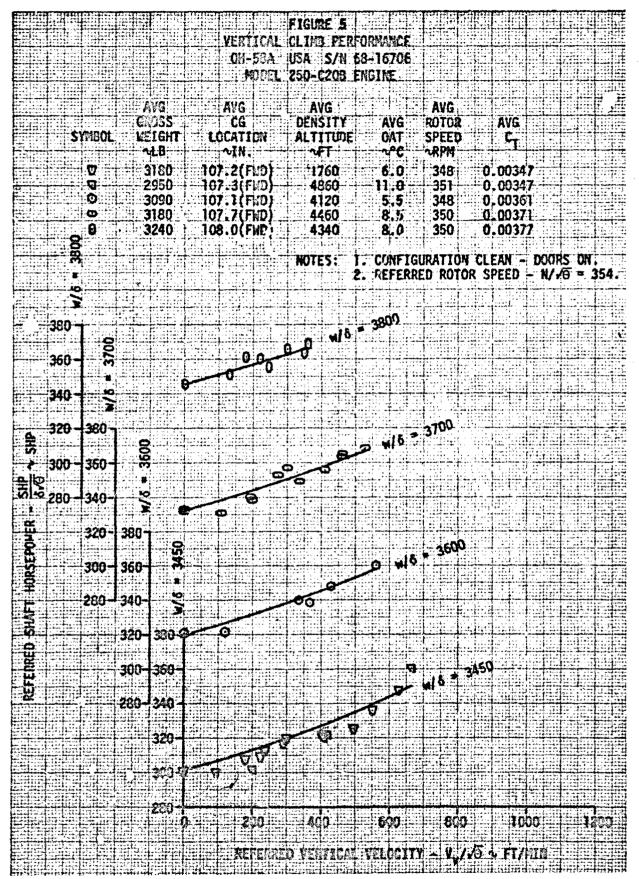
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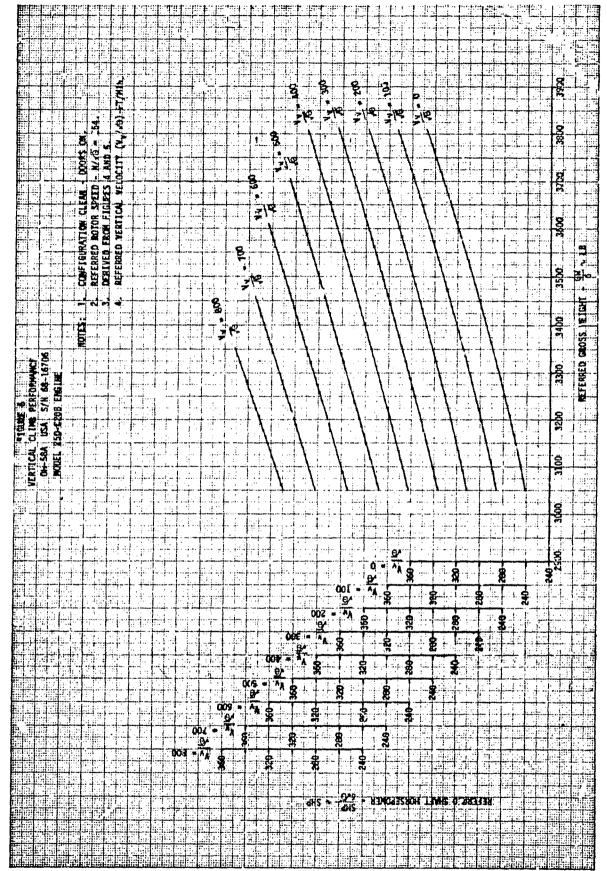






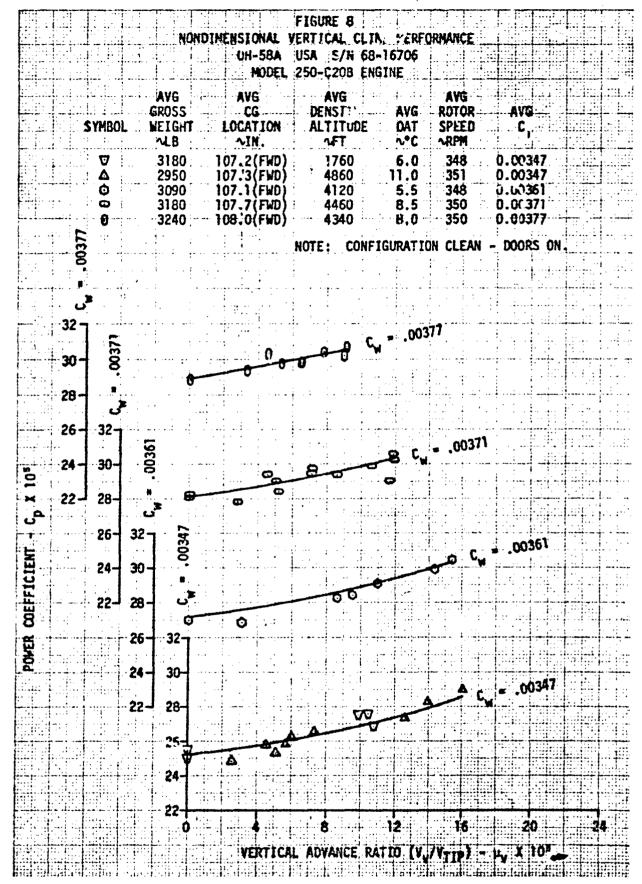


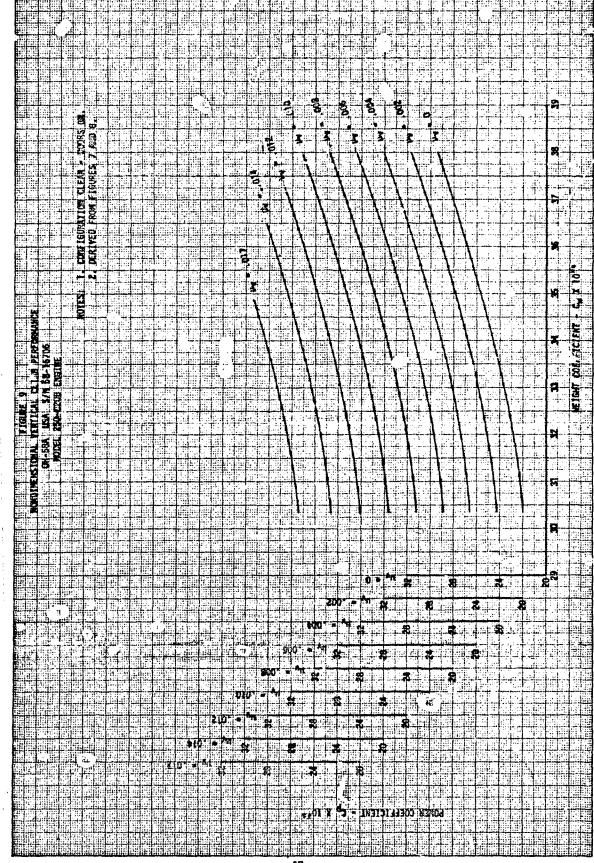


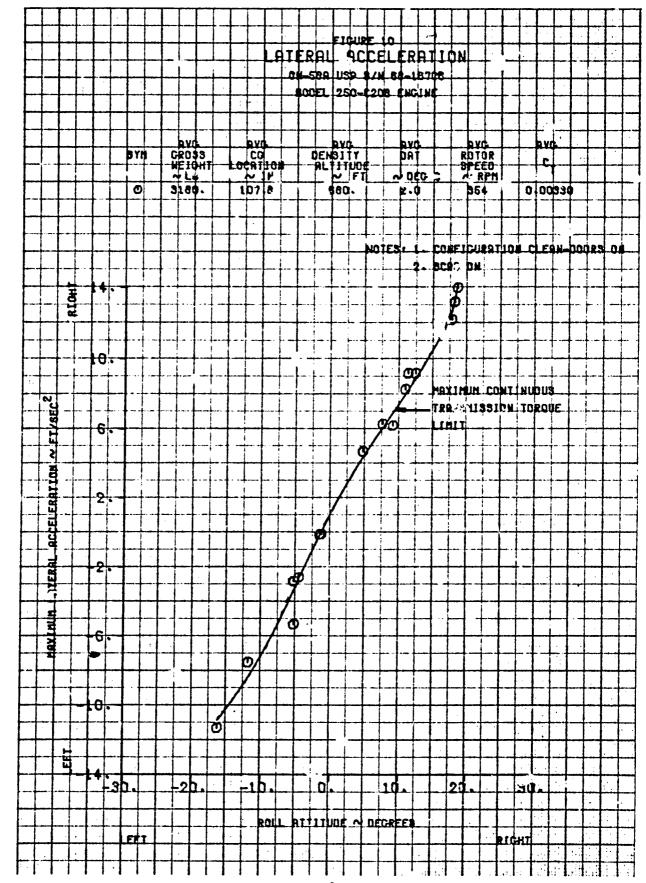


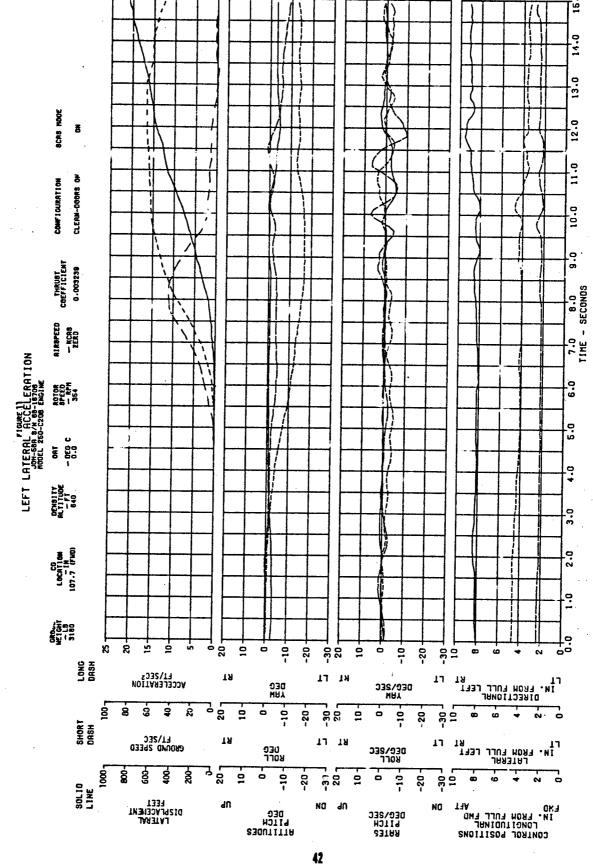
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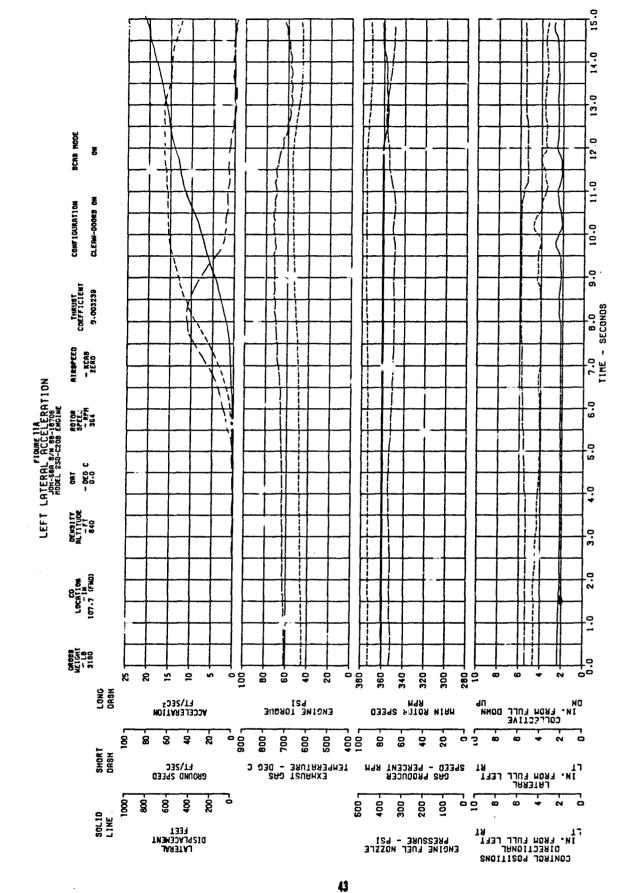
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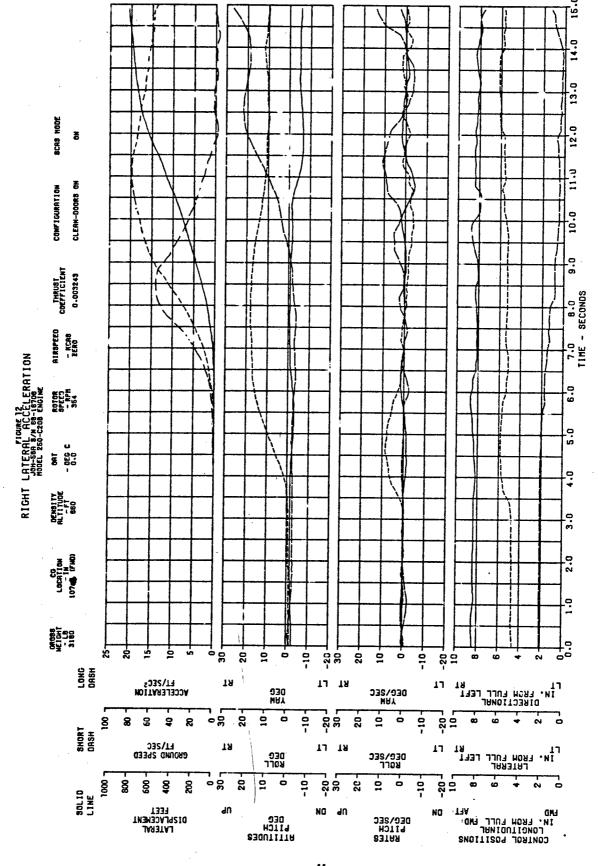


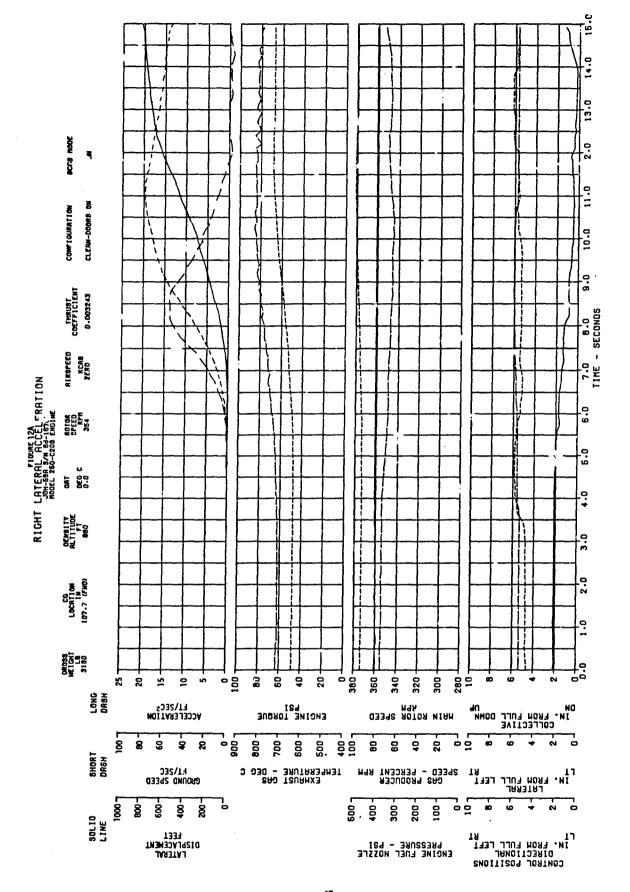


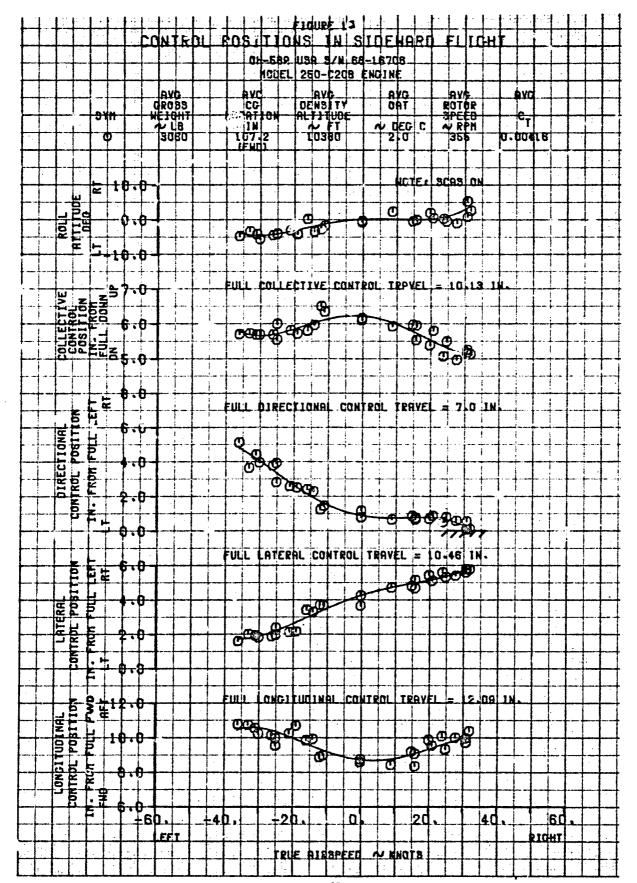


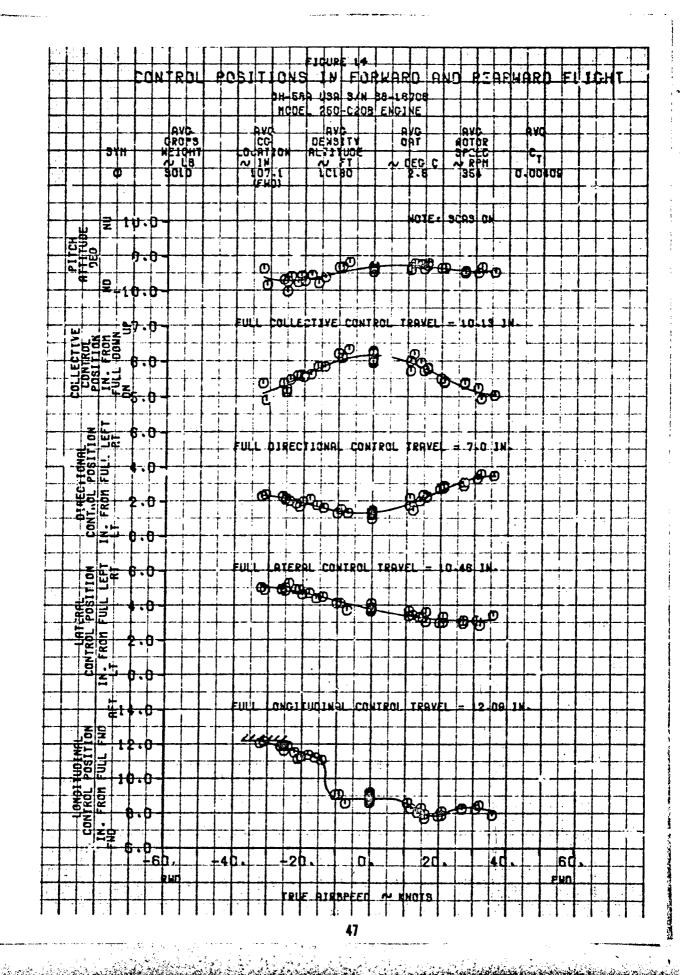


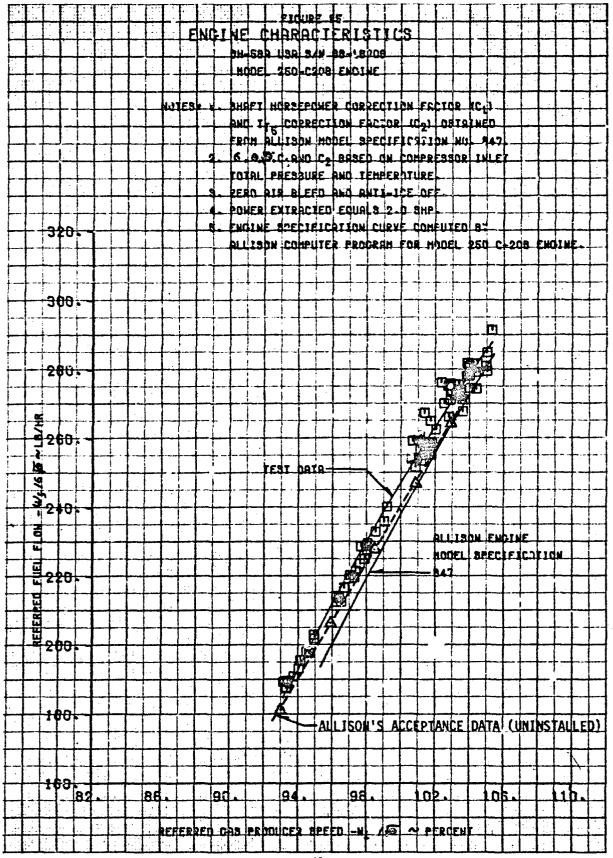


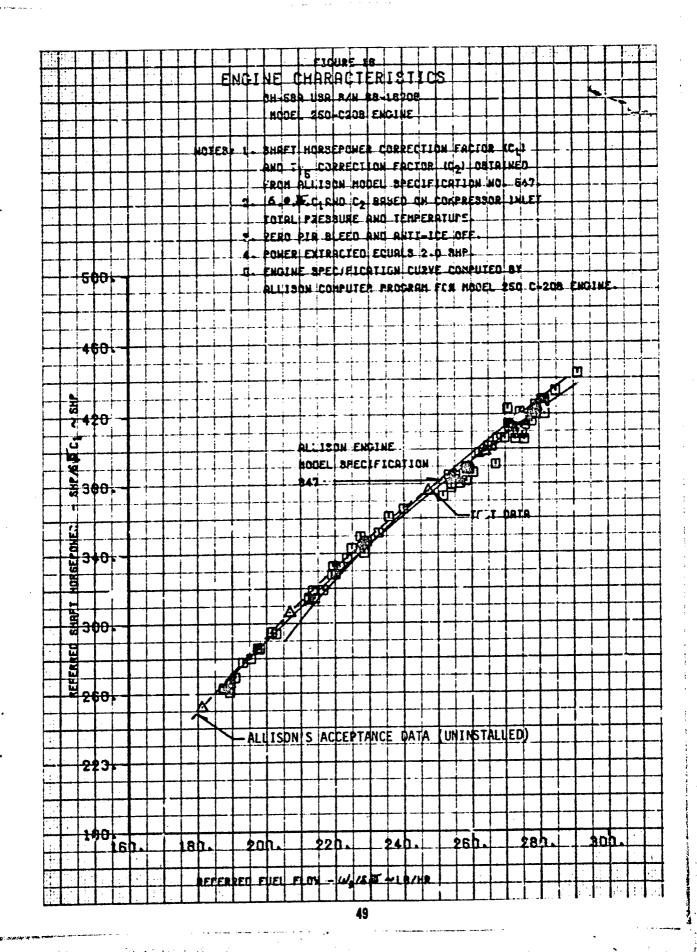


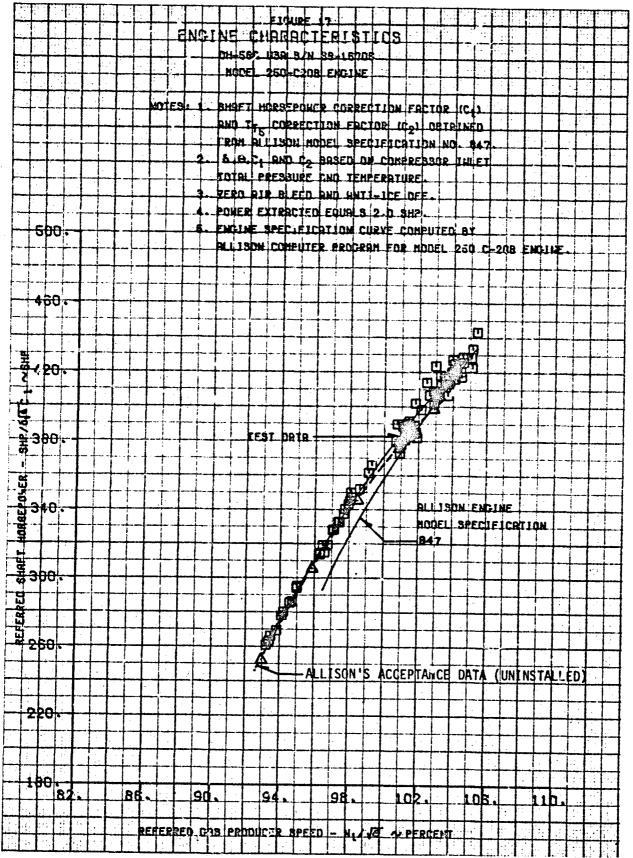


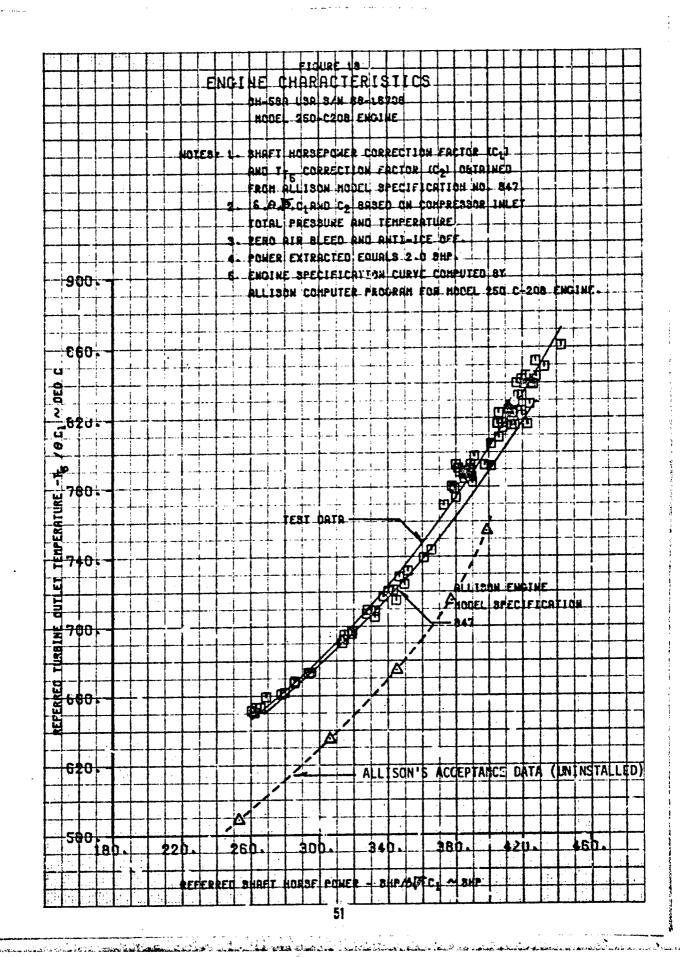


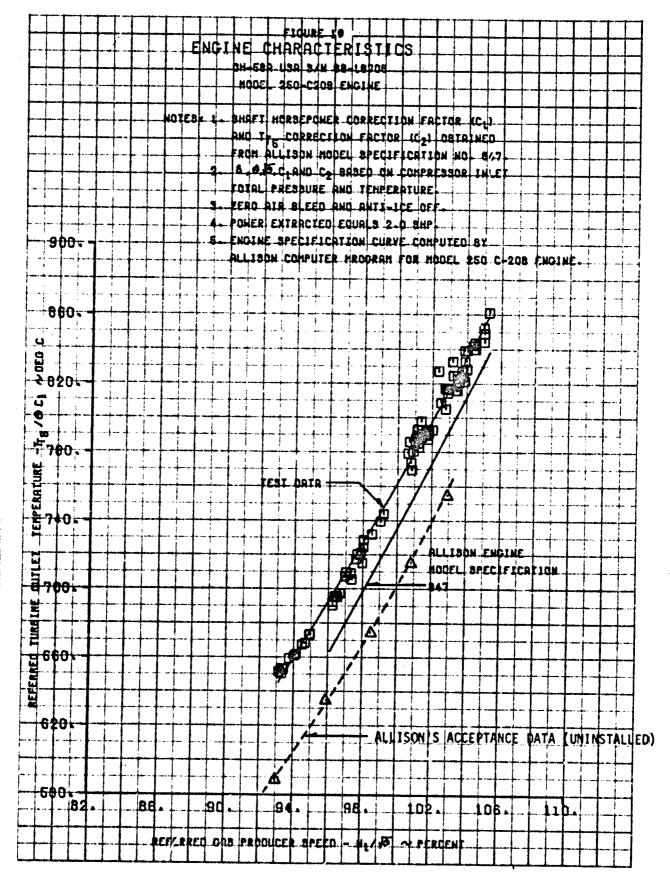


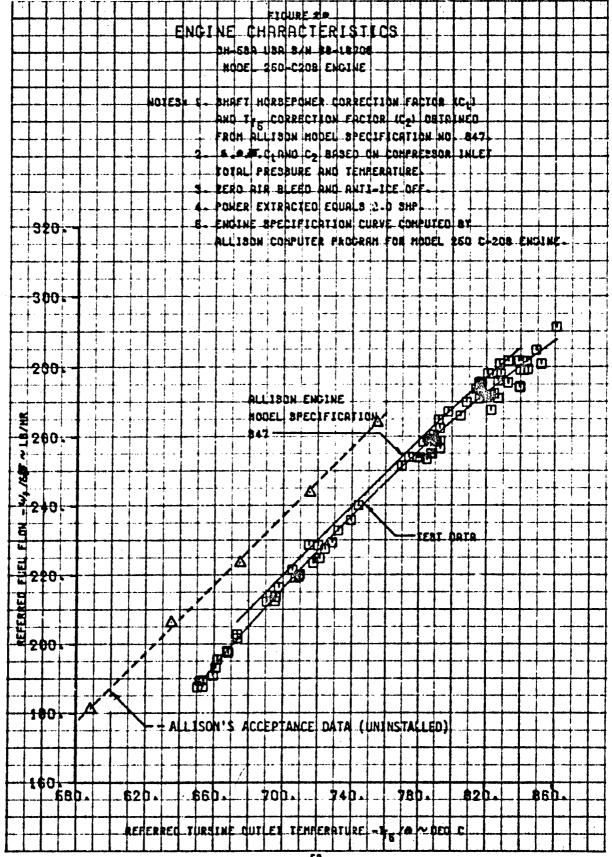


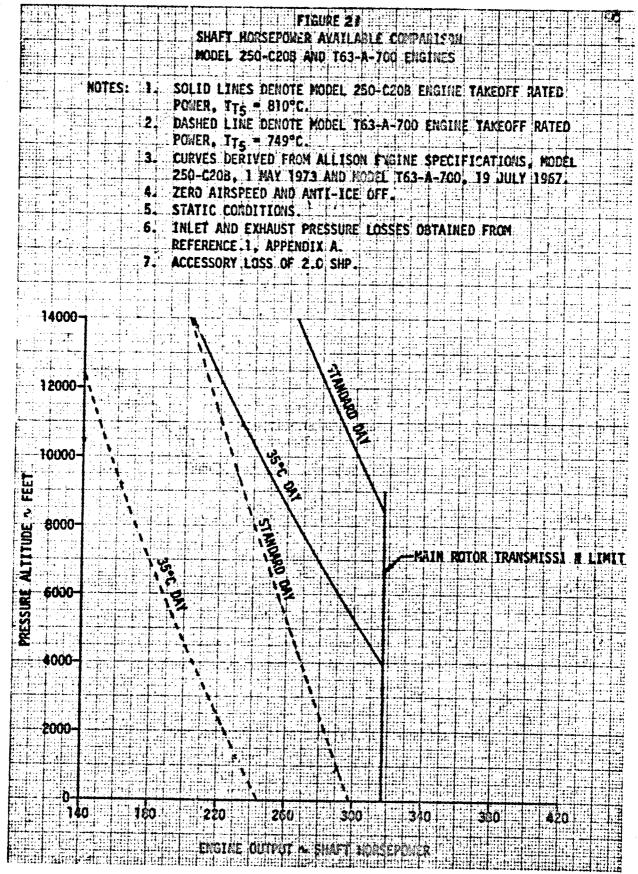


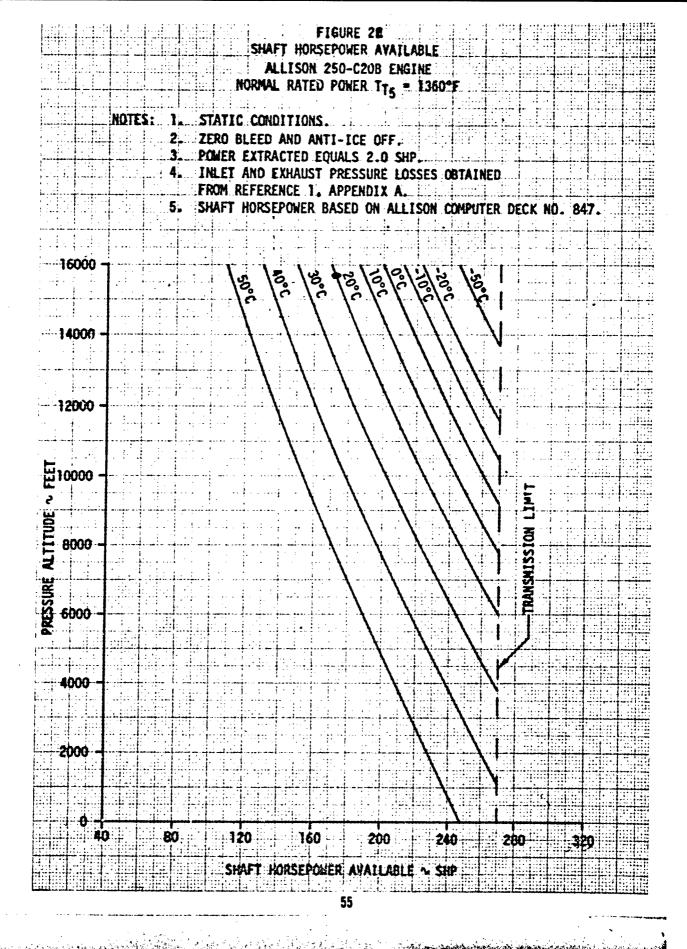


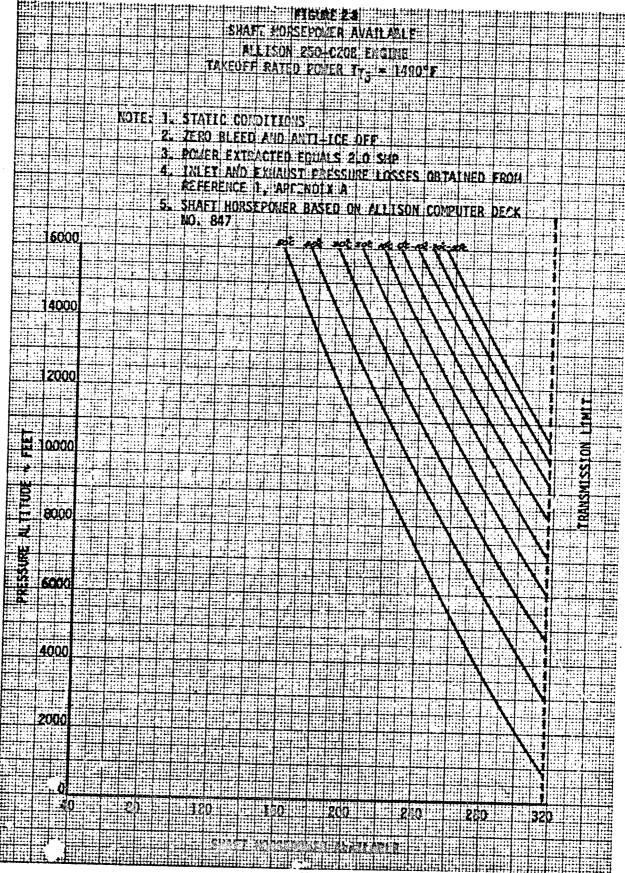












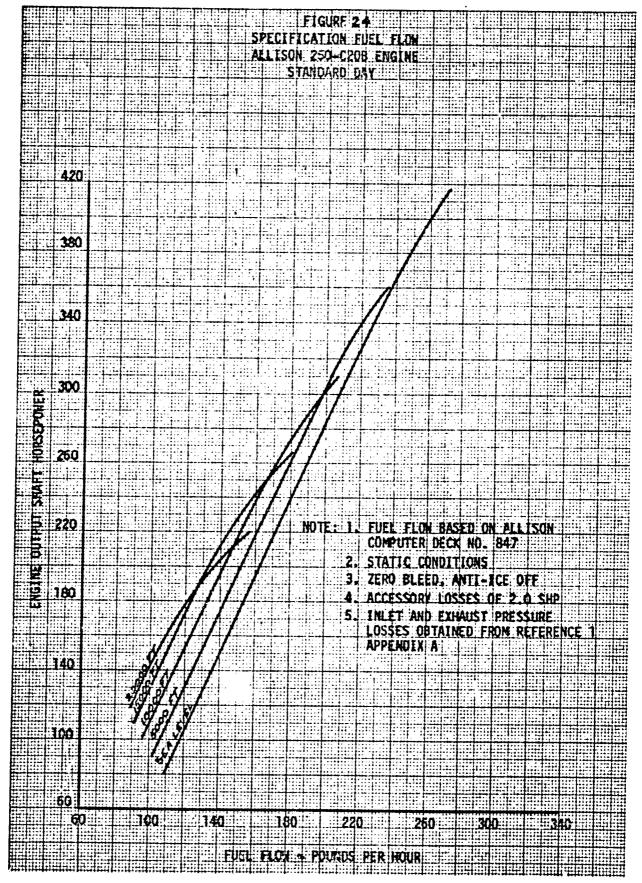


FIGURE 25
ACCESSORY GEARBOX LONGITUDINAL AXIS VIBRATION

FLIGHT CONDITION	sou	JRCE	MAXIMUM AVERAGE ACCELERATION (g)	FREQUENCY (Hz)
Ground-idle	Tail rotor	8/rev	1.25	350.4
Flight-idle	Not	:e ¹	. •••	
Hover (IGE)	Tail rotor	12/rev	2.08	525.6
Normal takeoff	Tail rotor	12/rev	1.95	525.6
Level flight at 80 kt	Tail rotor	12/rev	1.87	525.6
50-kt climb at 500 ft/min				
80-kt climb at 500 ft/min				
80-kt climb at maximum power	Tail rotor	12/rev	1.98	525.6
50-kt descent at 500 ft/min	Main rotor Tail rotor Unknow	Fundamental 2/rev 4/rev 6/rev 8/rev 10/rev 12/rev 2/rev	0.52 0.42 0.34 0.31 0.39 0.38 0.44 0.42	5.9 11.8 23.6 35.4 47.2 59.0 70.8 87.6 121.0
	tail rotor shaft	Fundamental	0.43	121.0
80-kt descent at 500 ft/min	Main rotor Tail rotor	6/rev 12/rev	0.8 1.87	35.4 525.6
S-turns at 100 kt and 45° bank angle	Main rotor	2/rev	0.05	11.8

¹Dashes indicate values less than 10 percent.

FIGURE 26 250C20B ENGINE LATERAL AXIS VIBRATION

FLIGHT CONDITION	ACCELEROMETER LOCATION	SOU	IRCE	MAXIMUM AVERAGE ACCELERATION (9)	FREQUENCY (Hz)
Ground idle	Gearbox Compressor Fuel nozzle	Not	e1 		
Hover (IGE)	Gearbox Compressor Fuel nozzle Fuel nozzle	Main rotor Main rotor N _l Main rotor	2/rev Fundamenta Fundamenta 12/rev		11.8 5.9 852.0 70.8
Normal takeoff	Gearbox Gearbox Gearbox Fuel nozzle Fuel nozzle Fuel nozzle Fuel nozzle Compressor	Main rotor	Fundamenta 2/rev 4/rev Fundamenta 2/rev 4/rev 6/rev Fundamenta	0.17 0.14 1 0.48 0.43 0.34 0.29	5.9 11.8 23.6 5.9 11.8 23.6 35.4 5.9
Level flight at 80 kt	Gearbox Compressor Fuel nozzle Fuel nozzle Fuel nozzle	Main rotor Main rotor Main rotor Main rotor	Fundamental 2/rev 6/rev Fundamental Fundamental	0.29 0.34 0.23	5.9 11.8 35.4 5.9 852.0
50-kt climb at 500 ft/min	Compressor Gearbox Fuel nozzle				***
80-kt climb at 500 ft/min	Compressor Gearbox Fuel nozzle			***	
80-kt climb at maximum power	Gearbox Fuel nozzle Fuel nozzle Fuel nozzle Fuel nozzle Fuel nozzle Fuel nozzle	Main rotor Main rotor Main rotor Main rotor Main rotor Tail rotor Main rotor	Fundamental Fundamental 2/rev 4/rev 6/rev Fundamental 12/rev	1.4 1.36 1.18 0.72	5.9 5.9 11.8 23.6 35.4 43.0 70.8
50-kt descent at 500 ft/min	Gearbox Gearbox Fuel nozzle	Main rotor Main rotor	2/rev 2/rev	0.06 0.07	11.8 11.8
80-kt descent at 500 ft/min	Gearbox Gearbox Compressor Fuel nozzle Fuel nozzle	Main rotor Main rotor Main rotor Main rotor Tail rotor	Fundamental 2/rev 2/rev 2/rev Fundamental	0.13 0.09 0.14	5.9 11.8 11.8 11.8 43.8
S-turns at 100 kt and 45° bank angle	Gearbox Compressor	Main rotor Main rotor	Fundamental Fundamental		5.9 5.9
Right 90° turn at 100 kt and 45° bank angle	Fuel nozzle Compressor Gearbox	Main rotor Main rotor Main rotor	Fundamental Fundamental Fundamental	0.15	5.9 5.9 5.9

FIGURE 27 250C20B ENGINE VERTICAL AXIS VIBRATION

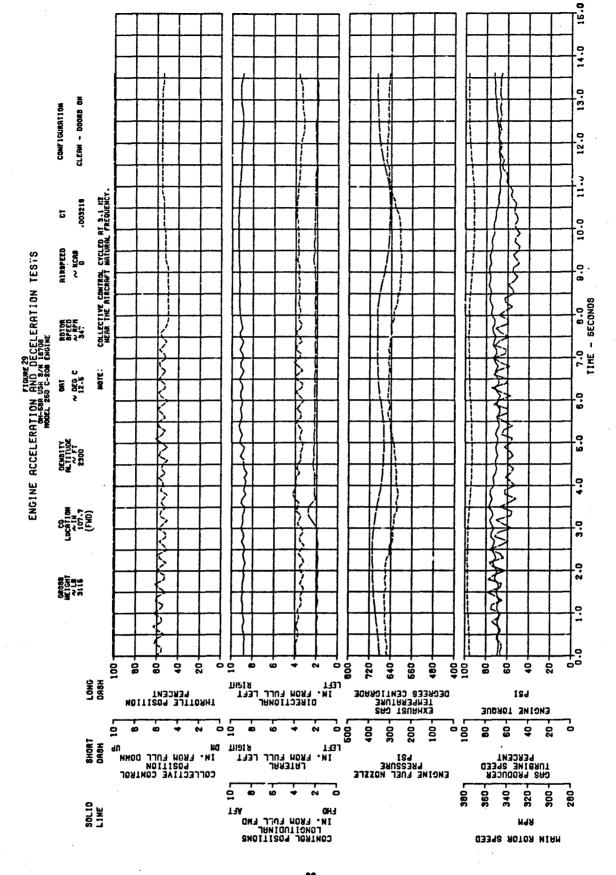
FLIGHT CONDITION	ACCELEROMETER LOCATION	SOURCE	MAXIMUM AGERAGE ACCELERATION (g)	FREQUENCY (Hz)
Ground-idle	Gearbox Turbine Fuel nozzle	Note1	*** ***	# # # # # #
Flight-idle	Fuel nozzle Compressor Fuel nozzle	Main rotor Fundamenta Main rotor 2/rev Unknown	0.12 0.08 3.8	5.9 11.8 635.0
Hover IGE	Turbine Gearbox Compressor Fuel nozzle	Main rotor Fundamenta	 al 0,21	5.9
Normal takeoff	Gearbox Turbine Turbine Turbine Fuel nozzle Fuel nozzle Compressor Compressor	Main rotor Fundamenta Main rotor Fundamenta Main rotor 2/rev Main rotor 2/rev Main rotor 4/rev Main rotor Fundamenta Main rotor 2/rev Unknown	0.16 0.39 0.31 0.18 1.0 0.80	5.9 5.9 11.8 23.6 11.8 23.6 5.9 11.8
Level flight at 80 kt	Fuel nozzle Turbine Compressor	Main rotor Fundamenta Main rotor 2/rev Main rotor 4/rev Main rotor 6/rev Main rotor 10/rev Unknown Tail rotor 4/rev Main rotor Fundamenta Tail rotor Fundamenta	0.69 0.62 0.60 0.94 0.94 0.84	5.9 11.8 23.6 35.4 59.0 121.0 175.0 5.9 43.8
50-kt climb at 500 ft/min	Gearbox Compressor Fuel nozzle	 	***	
80-kt climb at 500 ft/min	Gearbox Compressor Fuel nozzle			
80-kt climb at maximum power	Turbine Turbine Turbine Turbine Turbine Turbine Turbine Turbine Turbine	Main rotor Main rotor Tail rotor Main rotor Main rotor Main rotor Tail rotor Tail rotor Tail rotor Main rotor	1.46 1.04	11.8 23.6 35.4 43.8 59.0 70.8 87.6 47.2
50-kt descent at 500 ft/min	Gearbox Compressor Fuel nozzle		***	
80-kt descent at 500 ft/min	Turbine Turbine Turbine Turbin. Turbine Compressor	Main rotor Fundamenta Main rotor 2/rev Tail rotor Fundamenta Main rotor 10/rev Unknown Main rotor 6/rev	0.32	5.9 11.8 43.8 59.0 121.0 35.9
S-turns at 100 kt and 95° bank angle	Gearbox Turbine Fuel nozzle	Unknown	2.1	121.0

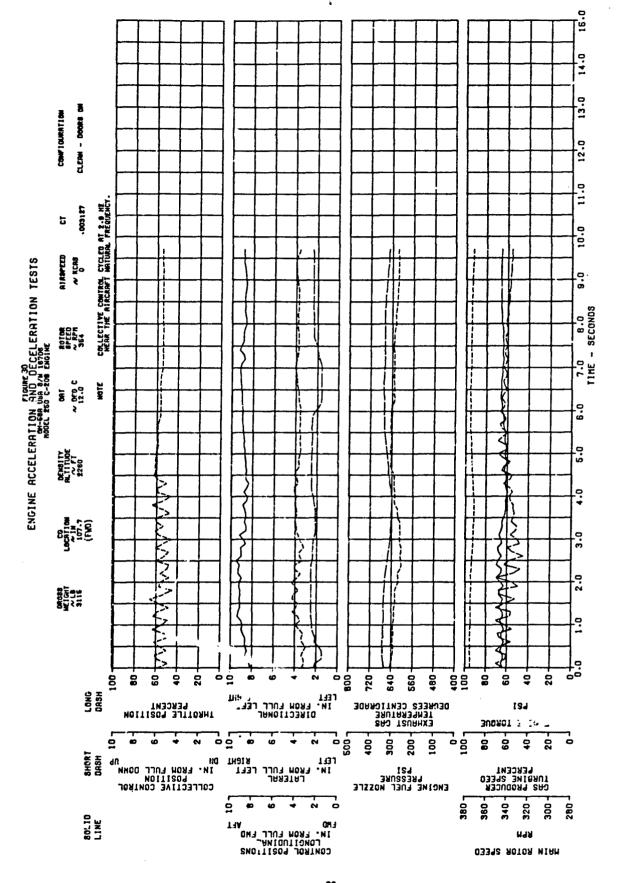
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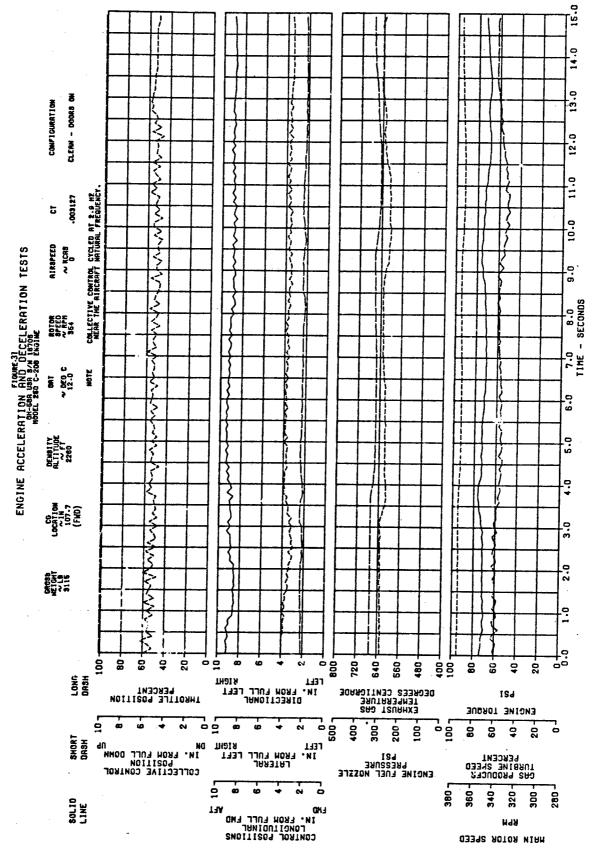
FIGURE 28 250-C20B ENGINE TEMPERATURE SURVEY (°C)

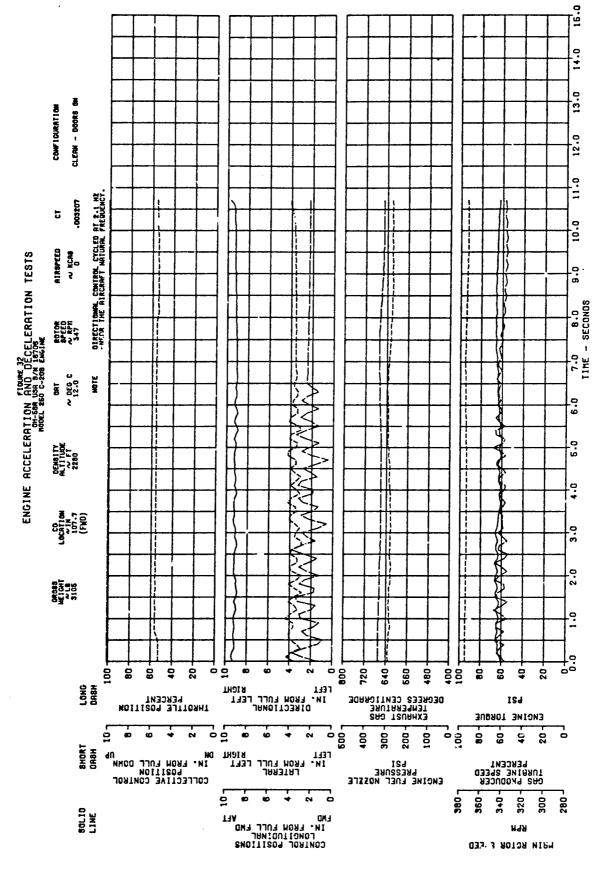
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TEMPERATURE PROBE LOCATION	LEVEL	LEVEL FLIGHT	MAXIMUM PO	MAXIMUM POWER CLIMB	500 FPM DESCENT	DESCENT	GROUND-IDLE	OPERATING TEMPERATURE
1	80 KCAS	V _{NE} 105 KCAS	50 KCAS	80 KCAS	50 KCAS	80 KCAS		-
Compressor section	54.0 (98.2)	52.0 (97.2)	52.0 (97.2)	52.0 (93.4)	47.0 (90.3)	54.5 (97.5)	52.0 (102.5)	135
Gearbox section	49.0 (92.5)	36.0 (79.0)	43.5 (87.5)	52.0 (93.4)	43.5 (86.3)	52.0	54.5 (105.4)	121
Turbine and combustor section	123.0 (176.5)	149.0 (207.7)	126.5 (182.1)	123.0 (173.4)	126.5 (180.5)	123.0	126.5 (188.6)	232
Top engine mount pad surface		52.0 (97.2)			:	1		160
Ignition harness surface	123.0 (176.5)	149.0 (207.7)	121.0 (175.8)	123.0 (173.4)	126.5 (180.5)	123.0 (175.0)	123.0 (184.5)	232
Thermocouple harness surface	107.0 (158.4)	82.0 (131.4)	90.5	96.0 (143.0)	79.5	90.5	93.5 (150.4)	315
Oil cooler temperature (oil temperature exiting cooler)	75.0 (122.0)	•	82.0 (131.4)	78.5 (123.2)	73.0 (119.8)	73.5	62.5 (114.6)	107
Maximum ambient tmeperature	13.0	12.0	12.0	15.0	13.0	14.0	8.0	52
Pressure altitude (feet)	6040	5880	6560	4520	4220	5220	2560	

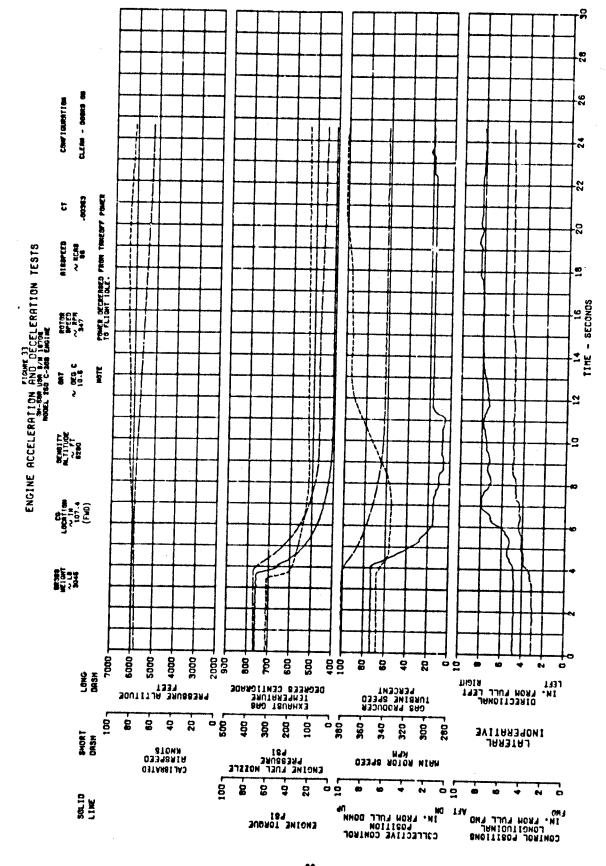
NOTE: Values in parentheses are corrected to the Army's maximum design requirement ambient temperature of 125°F (52°C).

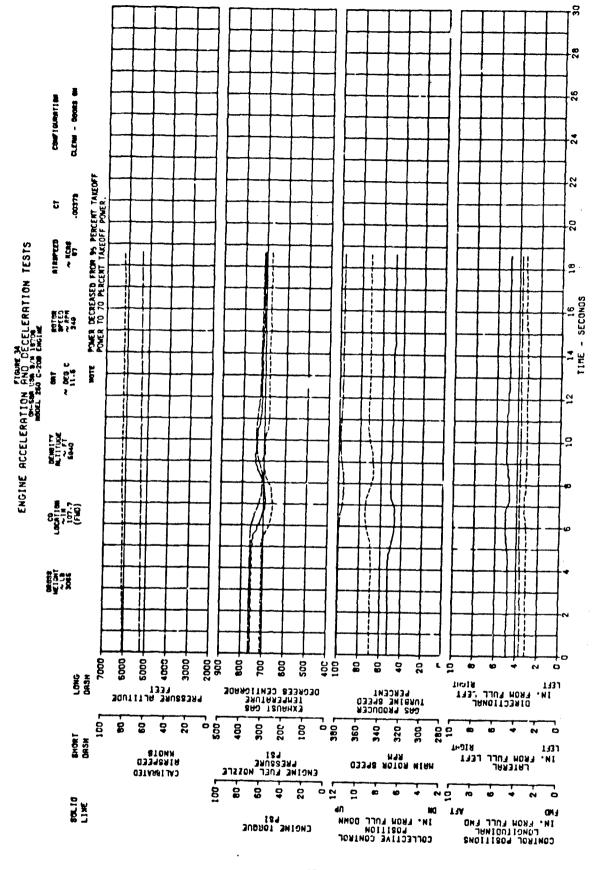


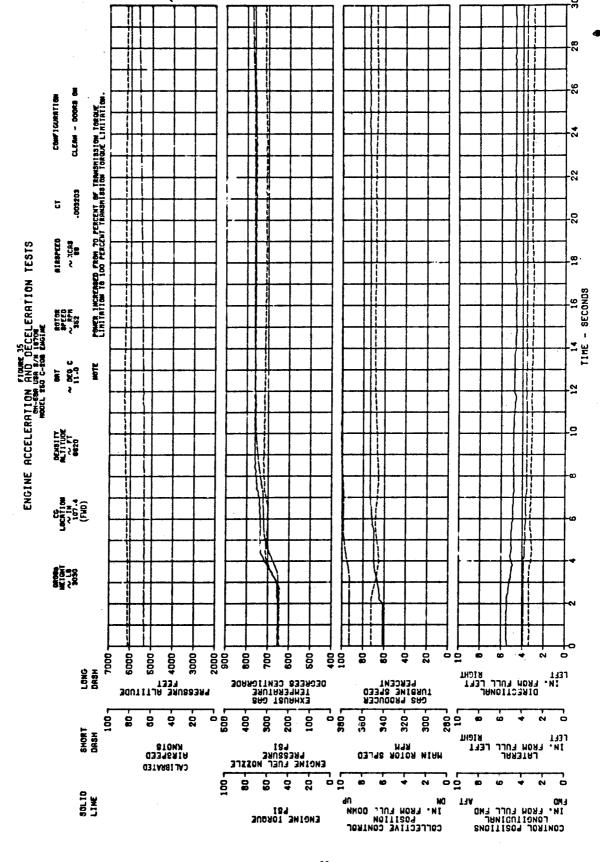


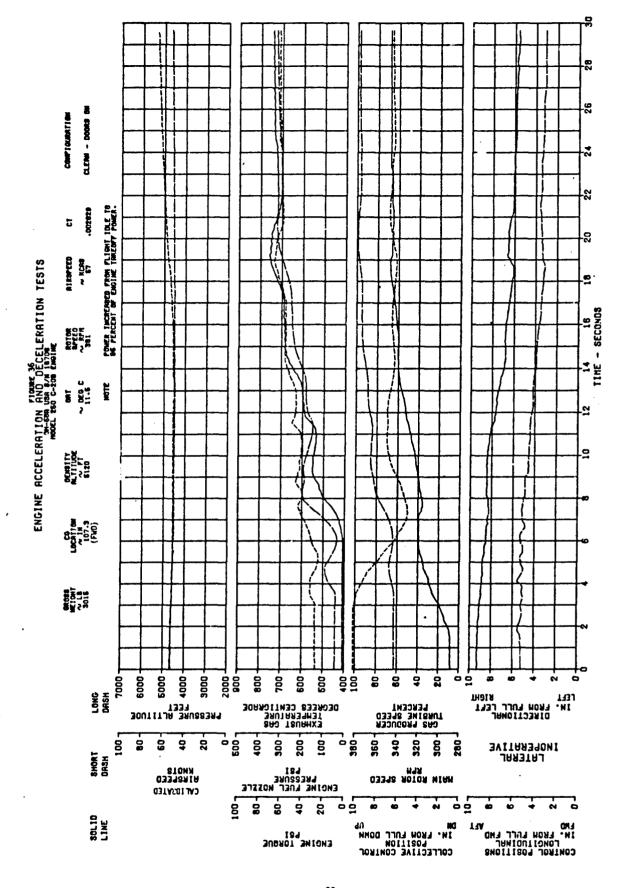


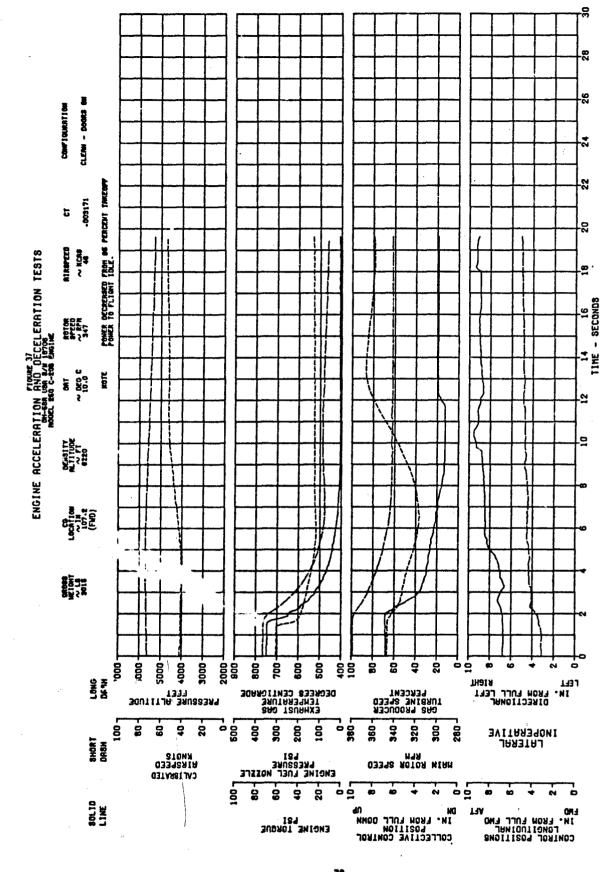




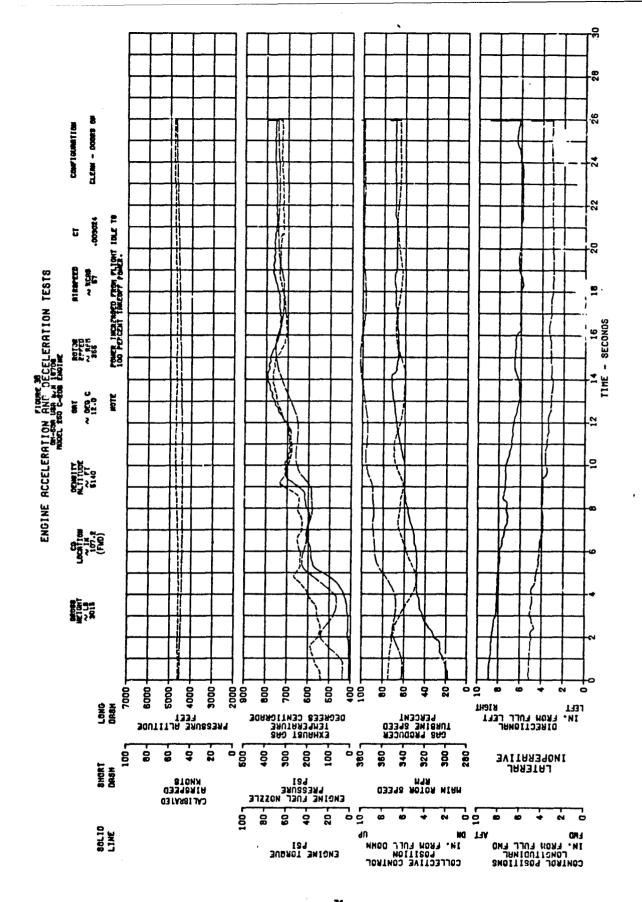


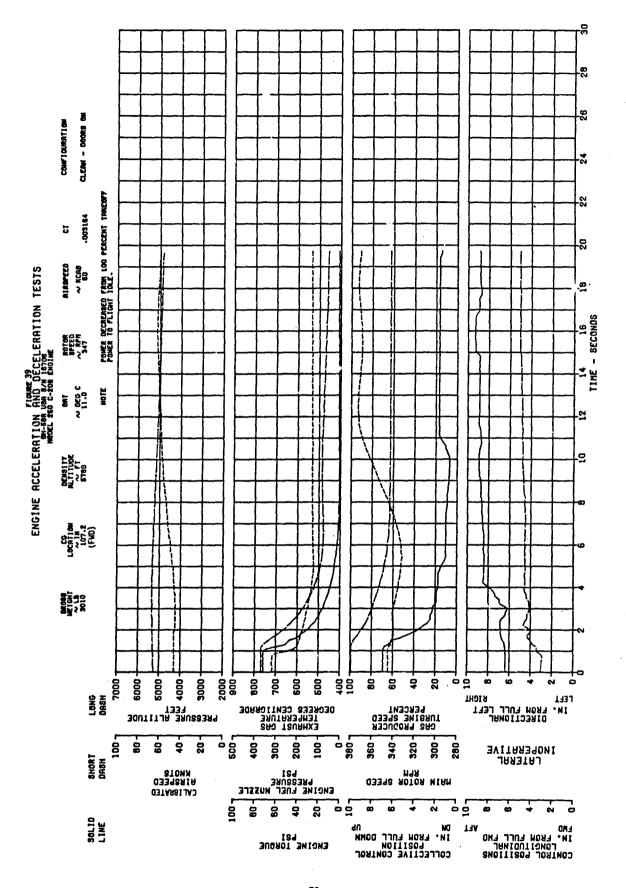




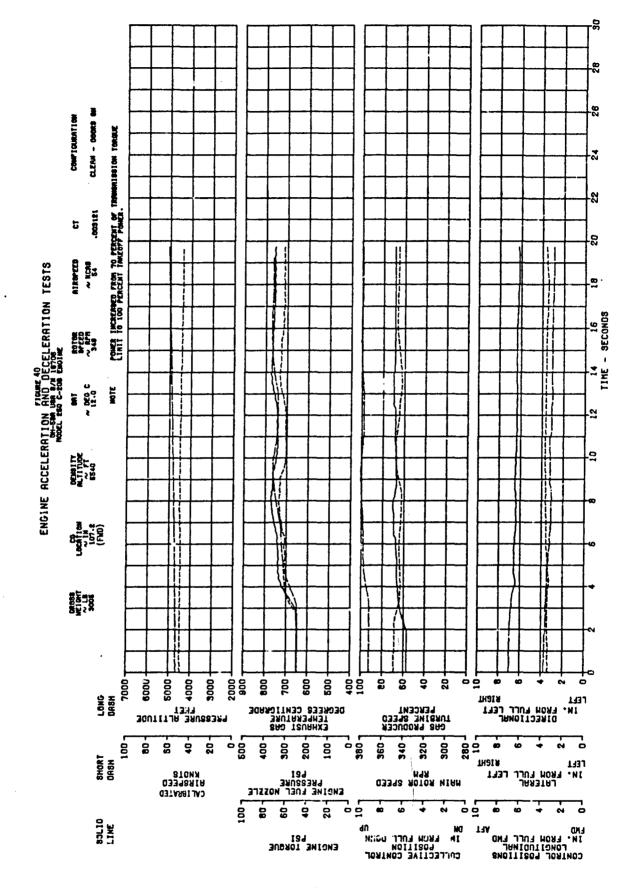


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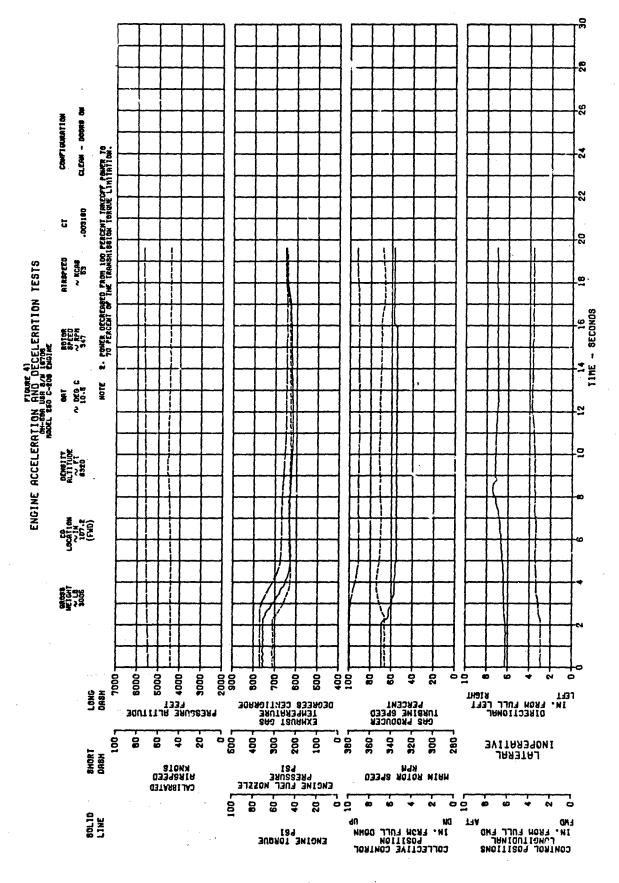


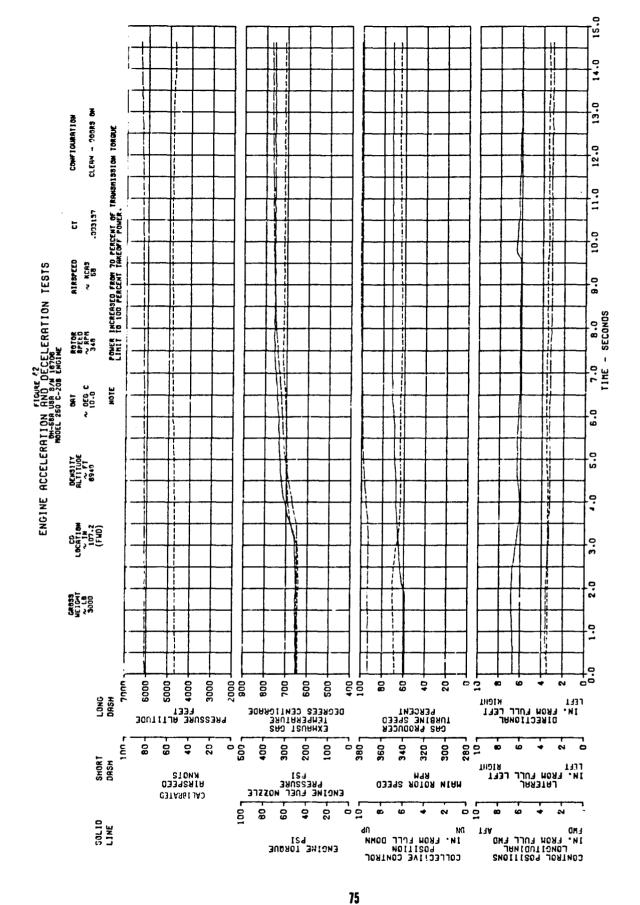


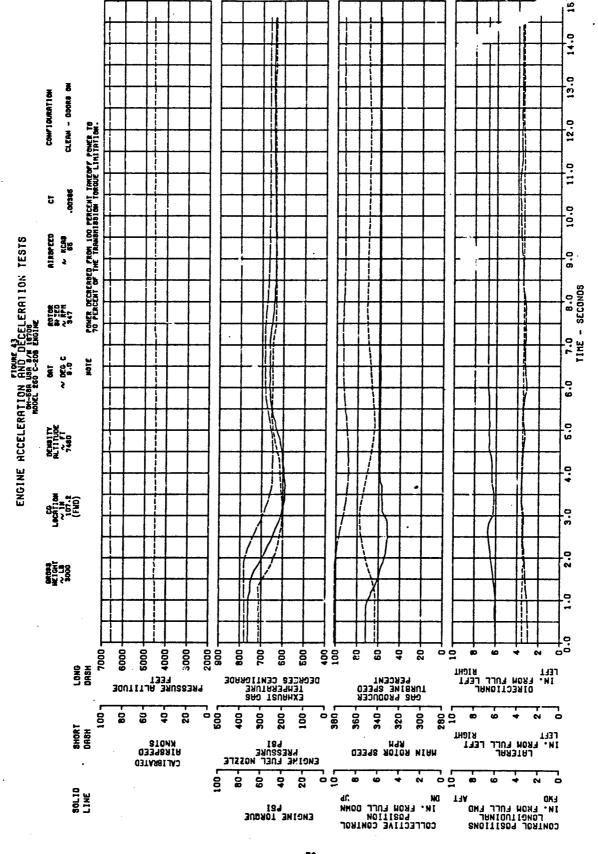
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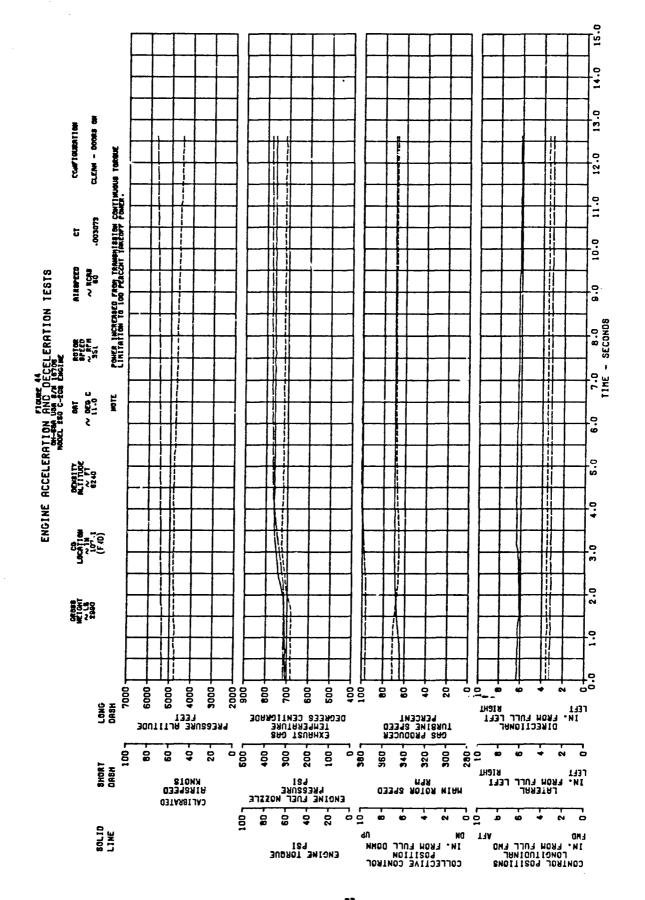


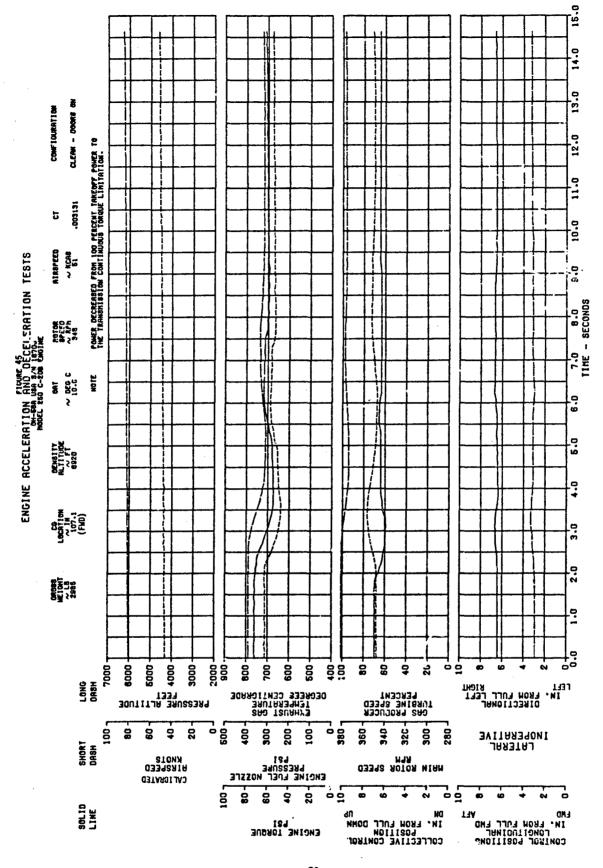
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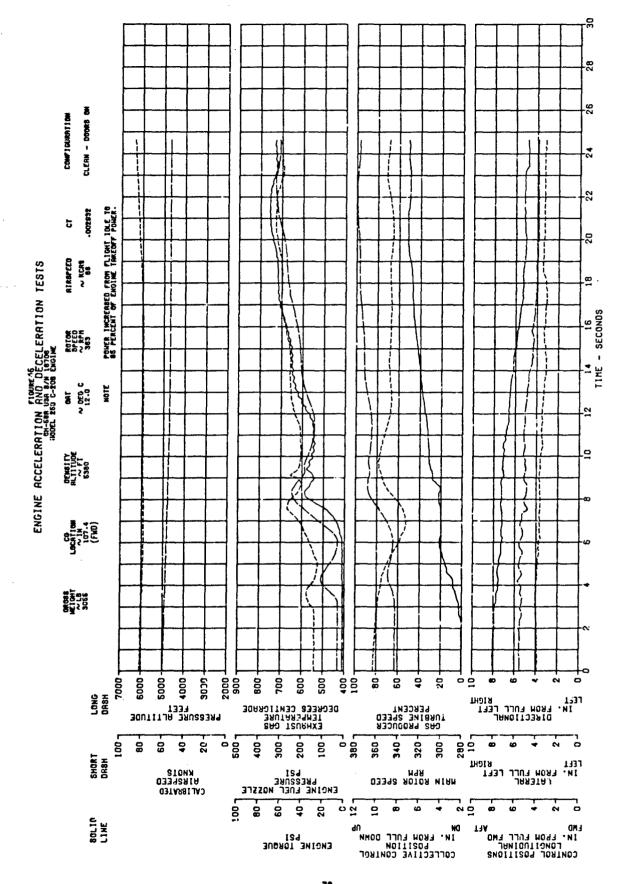




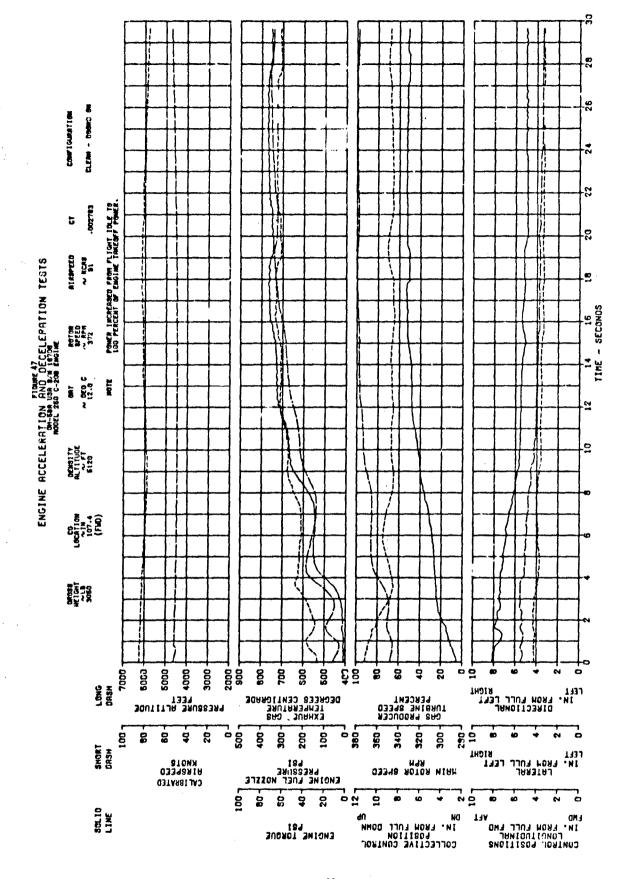


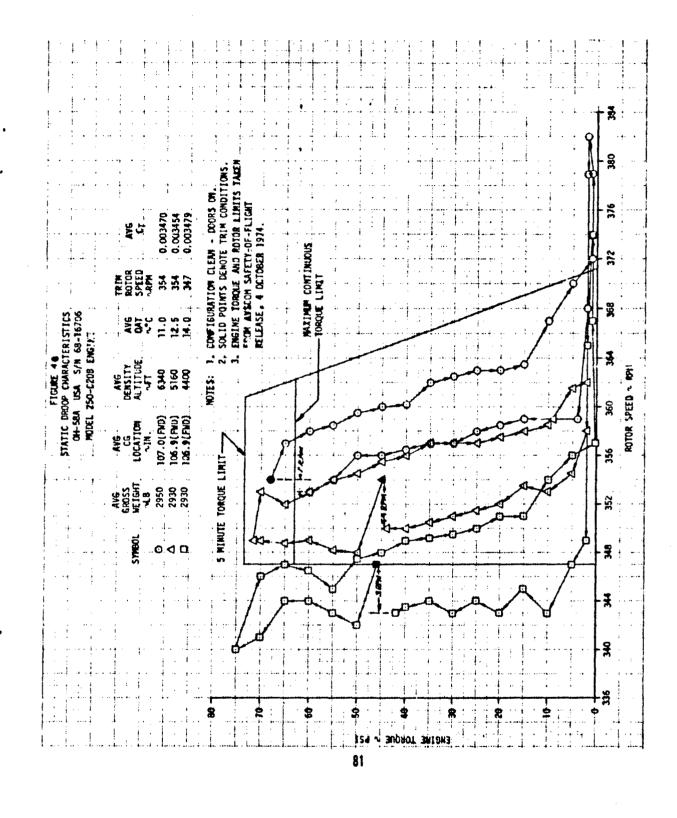






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